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DUBLIN, July 7, 1820.

uestion 1. What Preacher is admitted into FULL CON-
ON this year?
nswer. John Armstrong.
. 2. Who REMAIN ON TRIAL?
. Richard Taylor Tracy, John Frazer Mathews,
xander Mackey.
hese have travelled two years.
homas Ballard.
le has travelled one year.
. 3. Who have DIED this year?
. WILLIAM WILSON, who laboured for six years on
Foreign Mission, in the West India and Bermuda
. In 1818, he returned to his native land for the
ration of his health, which had been greatly injured
ose distant climes. Through the Divine goodness,
ealth and strength were so far restored, that in 1819
as appointed to labour on the Tanderagee Circuit.
his way from Conference he caught a fever, which
inated his mortal course, on the 21st of July, 1819,
ortadown.
rother Wilson possessed a sound understanding, deep
, and highly acceptable talents; and God was pleased

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to crown his labours with success. Of him it may be truly said,

> "His preaching *much*, but *more* his practice wrought,
> A living sermon of the truths he taught."

He died triumphing in the full assurance of a glorious immortality.

JOHN BREDIN, who commenced his itinerancy in the year 1769, and travelled regularly for 15 years.

As a preacher, his talents and usefulness were very considerable. And, although it must be admitted, that his natural temper was severe, and sometimes trying to his best friends, yet it is but justice to his memory to state, that he has not been known to speak to the disadvantage of an absent person. He suffered great bodily affliction for many years, and died in Belfast, November 2, 1819.

SAMUEL ALCORN, who, after suffering much affliction, died in peace.

JOHN PRICE. He enjoyed, with very little interruption, the full assurance of hope more than fifty years. He laboured acceptably and successfully in the Lord's vineyard forty-eight years, fifteen of which he was superannuated; but, he still continued to go about doing good. The day before he died, he walked five miles, with the pains of death upon him: called at Brother Anderson's of Enniskeen, very ill, and requested to lie down. When the people assembled to hear preaching, he desired that they might all come into the room; he then raised himself in his bed, prayed with great fervour for the Church of God, the Preachers, his own family, for all present; gave them his blessing, shook hands with every one of them, lay down, and spake little more till the next morning, Saturday, June 3rd, when he expired like a little child falling asleep, in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

His remains were interred in the new churchyard of Louth, wherein no man had yet been laid. His funeral sermon was preached the next Sunday evening at Dundalk, to a large and weeping auditory, who all felt the truth of that important Scripture, "Blessed are the dead *which die in the* Lord."

Q. 4. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 5. Who has DESISTED FROM TRAVELLING?

A. Robert Smith, who has withdrawn from our Connexion.

Q. 6. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?

A. As follows, viz:

I. DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	Matthew Tobias, Charles Mayne, Alexander Mackey; Thos. Wade Doolittle, Editor and Book-Steward; John Kerr and Wm. Ferguson, Superannuated.
2	*Longford & Oldcastle,*	John Nesbitt, John Waugh; Richd. Price, Superannuated.
3	*Drogheda,*	William Smith, Wm. Armstrong.
4	*Castleblaney,*	George M'Elwain, John Jebb.
5	*Wicklow,*	Andrew Taylor, Robert Carson; Alex. Moore, Superannuated.

CHARLES MAYNE, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6	*Waterford,*	William Stewart, John Clegg; Wm. Copeland, Supernumerary.
7	*Carlow,*	Andw. Hamilton, sen. John Foster.
8	*Newtownbarry,*	Robert Banks, Samuel Downing.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

9	*Cork & Cove,*	Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun.; Joshua Harman, Supernumerary; Daniel M'Mullen, Superannuated.
10	*Bandon,*	Thomas Waugh, John Frazer Mathews.
11	*Skibbereen,*	William Crook.
12	*Mallow,*	Robert Bruce.

ANDREW HAMILTON, JUN., *Chairman of the District.*

IV. The Limerick District.

13	*Limerick,*	Samuel Steele, John Stuart.
14	*Clonmel,*	John Howe, Samuel Kyle.
15	*Roscrea,*	Samuel Harpur, William Richey; Michl. Murphy, Supernumerary.
16	*Milltown,*	John Rogers.
17	*Cloughjordan,*	Charles M'Cormick.
18	*Mountrath,*	Gustavus Armstrong, Wm. Douglas.

Samuel Steele, *Chairman of the District.*

V. The Tullamore District.

19	*Tullamore,*	James M'Kee, John Hadden; Jas. Sterling, Supernumerary; James McKeown, Superannuated.
20	*Castlebar,*	William M'Cornock, John Crozier Irvine.
21	*Ballina,*	Richard Phillips.
22	*Sligo,*	Daniel Pedlow, Richard T. Tracy; King Barton, Supernumerary.
23	*Boyle,*	John Clendinnen, James Johnston.

James M'Kee, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. The Clones District.

24	*Clones & Cavan,*	Michael Burrows, John Hill; James Smith, John Wiggins, Supernumeraries; George Brown, Superannuated.
25	*Killeshandra,*	Jas. Calcutt Pratt, Joseph Edgerton.
26	*Monaghan & Aughnacloy,*	William Kidd, Robert Wilson; Thomas Barber, Wm. Armstrong, Superannuated.

Michael Burrows, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. The Enniskillen District.

27	*Enniskillen & Brookborough,*	James Olliffe, Charles McCord, Thomas Ballard.
28	*Manorhamilton,*	Robert Crozier, Edward Johnston; Wm. Hamilton, Supernumerary.

29 *Ballyshannon,* Robert Strong.
30 *Irvinestown,* George Burrows, John Campbell.

JAMES OLLIFFE, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

31 *Londonderry & Strabane,* Francis Russell, William Pollock; James Jordan, Superannuated.
32 *Newtownlimavaddy,* William Finley.
33 *Newtownstewart,* William Keys, Castor Clements; Matthew Stuart, Superannuated; John M'Arthur, Supernumerary.

FRANCIS RUSSELL, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

34 *Belfast,* Henry Deery, Edward Cobain.
35 *Donaghadee,* David Waugh.
36 *Carrickfergus,* Alex. Sturgeon, Saml. M'Dowell.
37 *Coleraine,* John Dinnen, Robert Masaroon.
38 *Lisburn,* Blakely Dowling, Arch. Murdoch.
39 *Downpatrick,* Thomas Ridgeway.

ARCHIBALD MURDOCH, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

40 *Newry,* George Stephenson, John Carey; Thomas Brown, Supernumerary.
41 *Dungannon,* Robert Cranston.
42 *Armagh & Charlemont,* John Nelson, John Armstrong.
43 *Lurgan,* James Carter, Edward Hazelton; John Malcomson, Superannuated.
44 *Tunderagee,* James Rutledge, James Stuart, John Wilson; Zachariah Worrell, Superannuated.

GEORGE STEPHENSON, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

Missionaries who preach or teach in the Irish Language.

1 *General Missionary,* Gideon Ouseley.
2 *Newtownbarry,* Charles Graham.

3	*Youghal,*	William Reilly.
4	*Killaloe,*	William Cornwall.
5	*Galway,*	Arthur Noble, Francis Stephens.
6	*Tyrawley & Tireragh,*	George Hansbrow.
7	*Derry & Antrim,*	Robert Bailey.
8	*Down,*	James Bell.
9	*Carrick-on-Shannon and Mohill,*	Thomas Kerr.
10	*Ballymoate,*	Thomas Lougheed.
11	*Belturbet and Newtownbutler,*	John Hamilton.

Missionaries who preach in English.

1	*Ards & Comber,*	Matthew Lanktree.
2	*Cookstown and Dungannon,*	Arch. Campbell, James M'Cutcheon.
3	*Ballymena,*	John Remmington.
4	*Rathmullen,*	Francis Armstrong, James Irwin.
5	*Killybegs,*	William Gilcriest.
6	*Tarbert,*	William Foote.

Q. 7. How many wives are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-five, viz:—Sisters Tobias, Mayne, Doolittle, Nesbitt, Foote, William Smith, William Armstrong, Jebb, Banks, William Stewart, Howe, Copeland, Hadden, J. Waugh, A. Hamilton, sen., Downing, Wood, Thomas Waugh, Harman, A. Hamilton, jun., Bruce, Steele, John Stuart, Taylor, Russell, Harpur, Murphy, Rogers, Phillips, Douglas, Foster, Clegg, M'Cormick, M'Cornock, Pedlow, James Stuart, Strong, James Johnston, Sterling, Irvine, Kidd, Olliffe, Edwd. Johnston, Pratt, Michael Burrows, George Burrows, Carter, Keys, Remmington, M'Arthur, Deery, David Waugh, Dinnen, Clements, Dowling, M'Dowell, Murdoch, Stephenson, Ridgeway, Cranston, Nelson, Hazelton, Brown, Rutledge, Worrell.

Q. 8. What are the contributions of the Circuits towards the support of the wives?

A. As follows, viz:—

	British Currency.		
Dublin	£32	0	0
Longford	20	0	0
Drogheda	22	0	0
Castleblaney	4	0	0
Wicklow	16	0	0
Waterford city	8	0	0
Waterford country	8	0	0
Carlow	16	0	0
Newtownbarry	20	0	0
Cork	32	0	0
Bandon town	16	0	0
Bandon country	16	0	0
Skibbereen	10	0	0
Mallow	10	0	0
Limerick town	16	0	0
Limerick country	16	0	0
Clonmel town	8	0	0
Clonmel country	8	0	0
Roscrea town	8	0	0
Roscrea country	16	0	0
Milltown	10	0	0
Cloughjordan	16	0	0
Mountrath	28	0	0
Tullamore	20	0	0
Castlebar	18	0	0
Ballina	18	0	0
Sligo	22	0	0
Boyle	16	0	0

	British Currency.		
Clones & Cavan	6	0	0
Killeshandra	12	0	0
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	24	0	0
Enniskillen and Brookborough	6	0	0
Manorhamilton	24	0	0
Ballyshannon	16	0	0
Irvinestown	32	0	0
Londonderry & Strabane	20	0	0
Newtownlimavaddy	6	0	0
Newtownstewart	20	0	0
Belfast	20	0	0
Donaghadee	16	0	0
Carrickfergus	16	0	0
Coleraine town	10	0	0
Coleraine country	10	0	0
Lisburn	28	0	0
Downpatrick	6	0	0
Newry	18	0	0
Dungannon	20	0	0
Charlemont and Armagh	20	0	0
Lurgan	34	0	0
Tanderagee	32	0	0
	£846	0	0

Q. 9. What are the numbers in our Society?
A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin	1119	Bandon	766
Longford & Oldcastle	250	Skibbereen	320
Drogheda	301	Mallow	150
Castleblaney	480	Limerick	571
Wicklow	348	Clonmel	316
Waterford	205	Roscrea	293
Newtownbarry	450	Milltown	190
Carlow	477	Cloughjordan	220
Cork & Cove	568	Mountrath	360

Tullamore	224	Armagh	460
Castlebar	162	Lurgan	1260
Ballina	320	Tanderagee	930
Sligo	684		
Boyle	321		
Clones and Cavan	520	MISSIONS.	
Killeshandra	600	Newtownbarry	100
Monaghan & Aughnacloy	646	Youghal	75
Enniskillen & Brookborough	954	Killaloe	102
Manorhamilton	706	Galway	240
Ballyshannon	490	Derry and Antrim	189
Irvinestown	1212	Downpatrick	33
Londonderry & Strabane	485	Ballymoate & Carrick-on-Shannon	115
Newtownlimavaddy	124	Cootehill & Newtownbutler	71
Newtownstewart	800	Ards	324
Belfast	608	Cookstown & Magherafelt	270
Carrickfergus	535	Ballymena	
Coleraine	430	Letterkenny	236
Lisburn	688	Killybegs	93
Downpatrick	226	Wicklow	104
Newry	420		
Charlemont and Dungannon	639		23,800

Q. 10. What has been contributed towards the Preachers' Fund?

A. As follows, viz:—

	British Currency. £	s.	d.		British Currency. £	s.	d.
Dublin	17	10	9	Cork	15	0	0
Drogheda	4	14	6	Bandon	7	9	0
Longford & Oldcastle	1	0	0	Skibbereen	1	1	0
Castleblayney	1	1	0	Mallow	2	5	6
Wicklow	2	0	0	Limerick	3	15	0
Waterford	4	12	0	Clonmel	4	0	0
Carlow	1	10	0	Roscrea	1	7	6
Newtownbarry	1	1	0	Milltown	1	1	0
				Cloughjordan	1	1	0
				Mountrath	1	1	0

Tullamore	1	11	0	Coleraine	1	5	0
Castlebar	3	5	0	Lisburn	2	1	6
Ballina	2	10	0	Downpatrick	1	1	0
Sligo	2	0	0	Newry	1	10	0
Boyle	1	1	0	Charlemont and Dungannon	1	9	0
Clones & Cavan.	1	4	6	Armagh	1	0	0
Killeshandra	1	1	0	Lurgan	3	0	0
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	1	0	0	Tanderagee	3	0	0
Enniskillen and Brookborough	1	1	8	MISSIONS.			
Manorhamilton	1	0	0	Magherafelt	0	2	6
Ballyshannon	1	1	0	Killybegs	1	0	0
Irvinestown	1	3	0	Downpatrick	1	1	0
Derry and Strabane	1	10	0	Galway	2	0	0
Newtownlimavaddy	1	0	0	Letterkenny	1	1	0
Newtownstewart.	1	1	0	Mr. Hill's Donation	9	4	7
Belfast	3	0	0	Subscriptions of the Preachers	292	19	0
Carrickfergus	2	0	0		419	14	8

Q. 11. How has this been expended?

A. As follows, viz:—

Wm. Armstrong	25	4	0	Michael Murphy	42	0	0
Alice Anderson.	12	12	0	Alex. Moore	31	10	0
Elizabeth Alcorn	36	15	0	Daniel M'Mullen	31	10	0
George Brown	42	0	0	John Malcomson	25	4	0
Thomas Barber.	36	15	0	John M'Arthur.	36	15	0
Thomas Brown.	36	15	0	Isabella M'Adam	18	18	0
King Barton	25	4	0	James M'Keown	31	10	0
Wm. Copeland	25	4	0	Mary Price	36	15	0
Ann Darragh	25	4	0	Richard Price	25	4	0
Judith Edwards.	31	10	0	Avice Peacock	12	12	0
Wm. Ferguson	36	15	0	Matthew Stuart.	36	15	0
Mary Grace	36	15	0	James Sterling	25	4	0
Alice Gordon	25	4	0	Zach. Worrell	31	10	0
Wm. Hamilton	36	15	0	Elizabeth Wilson	31	10	0
Joshua Harman.	25	4	0	John Wilson	25	4	0
Mary Harrison	12	12	0	John Wiggins	25	4	0
Eliza Johnston	31	10	0	Anne Wilson	12	12	0
James Jordan	31	10	0				
John Kerr	42	0	0		1055	5	0

Q. 12. What has been contributed by the Circuits towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin	30	10	0½	Enniskillen and Brookborough	3	3	5
Longford & Old-castle	2	11	0	Manorhamilton	2	5	0
Drogheda	8	0	0	Ballyshannon	1	10	0
Castleblayney	2	13	6	Irvinestown	3	10	6
Wicklow	4	13	1	Londonderry and Strabane	3	8	6
Waterford	7	5	6	Newtownlimavaddy	1	1	0
Carlow	8	2	0	Newtownstewart	6	0	0
Newtownbarry	9	0	0	Belfast	11	16	0
Cork and Cove	14	10	0	Carrickfergus	6	3	4
Bandon	16	8	6	Coleraine	2	18	0
Skibbereen	3	0	0	Lisburn	5	13	0
Mallow	4	7	0	Downpatrick	1	3	6
Limerick	7	18	6	Newry	6	14	0
Clonmel	3	0	0	Charlemont and Dungannon	2	6	6
Roscrea	7	0	0	Armagh	5	0	0
Milltown	3	3	6	Lurgan	6	6	0
Cloughjordan	1	10	0	Tanderagee	5	18	2
Mountrath	4	4	6	Youghal Mission	2	6	0
Tullamore	3	5	6	Mrs. Shiel's Legacy	5	8	4
Castlebar	5	6	6				
Ballina	3	0	0		250	12	1½
Sligo	5	8	0				
Boyle	2	1	0				
Clones & Cavan	3	8	0				
Killeshandra	1	8	0				
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	6	6	6				

Q. 13. What has been contributed towards the support of our Missions?

A. 1. By the Public Collections, as follows, viz.:—

Dublin	68	19	11	Wicklow	4	9	6
Longford & Old-castle	3	1	0	Waterford	10	10	6
Drogheda	15	1	0	Carlow	6	17	0
Castleblayney	5	0	0	Newtownbarry	7	0	0
				Cork and Cove	13	2	6

Bandon	17	12	0	Manorhamilton	3	0	0
Skibbereen	4	0	0	Ballyshannon	2	10	0
Mallow	4	15	0	Irvinestown	2	1	0
Limerick	11	16	6	Londonderry and Strabane	6	14	0
Clonmel	7	6	8	Newtownlimavaddy	2	9	6
Roscrea	13	1	0	Newtownstewart	3	2	6
Milltown	4	16	10	Belfast	21	12	6
Cloughjordan	4	0	0	Carrickfergus	11	0	0
Mountrath	3	2	0	Coleraine	5	1	0
Tullamore	4	13	0	Lisburn	6	0	0
Castlebar	4	0	0	Newry	10	0	0
Ballina	7	0	0	Charlemont and Dungannon	4	19	0
Sligo	9	0	0	Armagh	6	0	0
Boyle	4	15	0	Lurgan	13	14	0
Clones & Cavan	3	1	0	Tanderagee	8	7	1
Killeshandra	2	7	6				
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	12	11	0		366	12	6
Enniskillen and Brookborough	5	2	0				

2. By Missionary Associations.

Dublin	162	1	9	Tralee	15	6	1
Fermoy	4	2	6	Mountrath	6	8	2
Longford	6	5	0	Castlebar	8	10	0
Newtownbarry	10	9	6	Sligo	21	14	6
Cork Female Associations	15	8	7	Clones & Cavan	6	3	4
Cork Juvenile do	18	0	0	Strabane	16	10	0
Bandon	13	8	11½	Larne	4	17	3½
Bandon Female Associations	5	13	2	Dromore	6	0	0
Kinsale	2	16	6	Lisburn	2	17	6
Dunmanway	6	2	5½	Lurgan	10	3	0
Limerick	6	18	6	Tanderagee	9	6	5
Clonmel	8	6	2	Tullamore	2	0	0
Birr and Templemore	3	19	0		373	18	7½

3. By Collections made on the Missionary Stations.

Youghal	12	8	6	Galway	14	0	0
Killaloe	10	10	0	Derry & Antrim	5	9	6

Ballymoate	0	8	4	Killybegs	1	1	0
Cootehill & Newtownbutler	1	17	3	Wicklow	7	2	3
Ards	2	9	9	Letterkenny	19	8	4
Cookstown and Magherafelt	3	3	0		77	17	11

Donations and Extra Collections.

Sligo Extra	6	10	0	Donation from Killaloe Mission, by Brother Lougheed	12	10	6
Clones	0	7	0				
Tanderagee	3	14	8				
Carrckfergus	14	9	0				
A Token of Love from Tralee Friends	10	13	9	Donation of Jas. Hill, Esq., by Brother Hamilton	90	0	0
					138	4	1

14. What shall be done in order to meet the present embarrassment of our finances in Ireland?

A. A collection shall be made on all our Circuits, equal to 10d. per member; and, the amount shall be collected, and sent to the Book-room by the 1st of October next; and two brethren, or more, on each Circuit, according to circumstances, shall be respectfully solicited to engage with the Preachers in this design, and to assist them in their endeavours to increase our general supplies, in order, as far as possible, to lessen our future embarrassment.

Q. 15. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting the plan proposed by the Dungannon Committee, for establishing a Building and Chapel Fund?

A. We cordially approve, and affectionately recommend it to our people; and we hope it will effectually relieve the Chapels and Dwelling-houses now in embarrassed circumstances; and assist in future the erection of others.

Q. 16. What directions are given respecting the building of Chapels?

A. Brothers Mayne, Stephenson, and Mackey, are appointed to collect through the kingdom for the new chapel in Dublin; and Brothers T. Brown, Summerfield, and

Holmes, are to fill their places, under the direction of Brother Tobias.

Q. 17. What preaching-houses are to be built this year?

A. One in—Dublin; Kingscourt, on the Drogheda Circuit; Arklow, on the Wicklow Circuit; Fermoy, on the Mallow Circuit; Parsonstown, on the Roscrea Circuit; Ballasodare, on the Sligo Circuit; Roscommon, on the Boyle Circuit; Glasslough, on the Monaghan Circuit; Bangor, on the Donaghadee Circuit; and Comber, on the Ards Mission.

Q. 18. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., William Smith, Samuel Steele, Matthew Tobias, John Stuart, Charles Mayne; and the Dublin Preachers for the time being.

Q. 19. Who is our Representative to the British Conference?

A. Matthew Tobias, accompanied by Samuel Wood.

Q. 20. When shall the Stationing Committee meet next year?

A. On the Thursday before the Conference, at six o'clock in the morning.

Q. 21. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin, on the first Friday in July, 1821.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

JONATHAN CROWTHER, *President.*
SAMUEL WOOD, *Secretary.*

Miscellaneous Expenses.

	£	s.
Interest on money borrowed	199	13
Sister Barton	17	6
„ Copeland	17	6
„ Harman	17	6
„ Taylor	17	6
„ Murphy	17	6
„ Sterling	17	6
„ M'Arthur	17	6
„ Irwin	17	6
„ Brown	17	6
„ Clements	17	6
„ „ Fire and Candles	6	18
Sister M. Stuart	17	6
Brother Clegg's Expenses	2	17
Grass Bill	22	0
	422	1

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

1820. CONFERENCE, DR.	£	s.	d.
To Yearly Collection...	530	19	11
To Education do.	250	12	11
To Surplus of Wives' Money	134	6	8
To Extra Collections...	138	4	11
To Subscriptions of Preachers	1046	0	0
Granted by the British Conference, towards assisting the Education of Preachers' Children...	108	6	8
To Cash borrowed until the 1st of October next	814	1	11
	3022	12	2

1820. CONFERENCE, CR.	£	s.	d.
By Deficiencies of Preachers' Salaries ...	468	1	0
By do of Wives' Salaries ...	211	5	4
By do of Rent and Taxes ...	270	17	9
By do of Fire and Candles ...	265	9	10
By do of Furniture and Repairs	67	10	0
By Maintenance of Children	719	6	8
By Education of Children	598	0	0
By Miscellaneous Expenses	422	1	7
	3022	12	2

THE YEARLY COLLECTION, WITH THE DEMANDS TO BE PAID OUT OF IT.

CIRCUITS.	Yearly Collection.			Deficiency of Salary.			Deficiency of Wives' Salary.			House Rent and Taxes.			Fire and Candles.			Furniture and Repairs.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1 Dublin	102	8	4		...			...			...			...			...			..	
2 Longford and Oldcastle	5	1	0	23	19	6	13	0	0	3	0	0	12	1	4		...		52	0	10
3 Drogheda	15	0	0	21	13	0	10	16	8		...		10	10	0		...		42	19	8
4 Castleblayney	3	0	0	9	0	0	13	0	0	4	11	0	5	8	6		...		31	19	6
5 Wicklow	8	12	6		...			...		4	3	6	5	19	0	1	1	0	11	3	6
Balance	4	1	8		...			...			...			...			...			...	
	138	3	6																138	3	6
6 Waterford	20	2	0	15	7	6	17	6	8	12	0	0	11	15	6		...		56	9	8
7 Carlow	15	10	6	3	12	6	17	6	8	19	2	0	9	15	0	1	13	0	51	9	2
8 Newtownbarry	18	11	6	15	3	6	13	0	0	1	14	1½	11	7	6		...		41	5	1
Balance	94	19	11		...			...			...			...			...			...	
	149	3	11																149	3	11
9 Cork and Cove	74	0	0		...		8	13	4		...			...			...		8	13	4
10 Bandon	27	3	5	15	5	6		...			...			...			...		15	5	6
11 Skibbereen	10	0	0	11	2	6	6	10	0	12	0	0	4	6	0		...		33	18	6
12 Mallow	4	10	0	11	5	0		...			...			...			...		11	5	0
Balance		...			...			...			...			...			...		46	11	1
	115	13	5																115	13	5

THE YEARLY COLLECTION WITH THE DEMANDS TO BE PAID OUT OF IT.

CIRCUITS.	Yearly Collection.	Deficiency of Salary.	Deficiency of Wives' Salary.	House Rent and Taxes.	Fire and Candles.	Furniture and Repairs	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
13 Limerick	11 6 6	3 4 0	...	28 18 0	15 10 0	23 19 6	71 11 6
14 Clonmel	8 10 0	1 3 6	...	11 7 6	5 5 0	1 8 0	19 4 0
15 Roscrea	10 8 6	17 2 6	...	...	7 6 0	...	24 8 6
16 Milltown	10 3 0	5 8 6	6 10 0	13 13 0	4 7 0	...	29 18 6
17 Cloughjordan	5 0 0	3 0 6	...	...	6 3 6	...	9 4 0
18 Mountrath	8 4 0	31 12 6	4 6 8	18 17 6	9 7 6	..	64 4 2
Balance	164 18 8						
	218 10 8						218 10 8
19 Tullamore	8 9 6	30 1 6	...	17 1 0	12 15 0	...	59 17 6
20 Castlebar	10 1 6	8 14 0	15 3 6	...	11 11 0	...	35 8 6
21 Ballina	7 1 6	...	...	...	4 15 0	...	4 15 0
22 Sligo	12 15 0	...	...	14 1 8	5 1 0	...	19 2 8
23 Boyle	4 2 0	25 16 0	17 6 8	14 10 0	6 15 6	...	64 8 2
Balance	141 2 4						
	183 11 10						183 11 10

THE YEARLY COLLECTION, WITH THE DEMANDS TO BE PAID OUT OF IT.

CIRCUITS.	Yearly Collection.	Deficiency of Salary.	Deficiency of Wives' Salary	HouseRent and Taxes.	Fire and Candles.	Furniture and Repairs.	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
24 Clones & Cavan.....	5 3 4	...	...	9 2 0	5 9 0	0 15 6	15 6 6
25 Killeshandra.....	2 14 6	4 2 6	4 6 8	2 0 0	6 15 0	6 0 0	23 4 2
26 Monaghan and Aughnacloy..	8 17 0	...	...	7 1 0	7 10 0	2 0 10	16 11 10
Balance.....	38 7 8						
	55 2 6						55 2 6
27 Enniskillen & Brookborough	9 0 0	...	28 3 6	8 11 0	8 11 0	...	45 5 6
28 Manorhamilton	6 0 0	16 12 6	...	...	5 10 0	...	22 2 6
29 Ballyshannon	3 3 6	8 3 0	...	4 16 6	5 6 6	...	18 6 0
30 Irvinestown	6 3 6	17 19 6	...	...	7 12 6	26 0 0	51 12 0
Balance	112 19 0						
	137 6 0						137 6 0
31 Londonderry and Strabane...	4 12 0	13 16 0	...	6 0 0	5 12 0	...	25 8 0
32 Newtownlimavaddy.....	1 2 0	10 0 0	...	...	...	...	10 0 0
33 Newtownstewart.....	10 3 4	...	13 0 0	9 5 6	9 10 0	...	31 15 6
Balance.....	51 6 2						
	67 3 6						67 3 6

THE YEARLY COLLECTION WITH THE DEMANDS TO BE PAID OUT OF IT.

CIRCUITS.	Yearly Collection.	Deficiency of Salary.	Deficiency of Wives' do.	House Rent & Taxes.	Fire and Candles.	Furniture and Repairs.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
34 Belfast	13 5 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
35 Carrickfergus	7 0 0	5 9 0	...	14 2 6	9 10 0	...	29 1 6
36 Coleraine	2 7 0	27 0 0	...	...	...	...	27 0 0
37 Lisburn	7 9 0	...	4 6 8	6 19 6	13 15 0	...	25 1 2
38 Downpatrick	2 16 0	3 14 0	10 16 8	7 1 0	4 17 6	2 6 8	28 15 10
Balance	77 1 6						
	109 18 6						109 18 6
32 Newry	8 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
40 Charlemont & Dungannon	4 6 6	16 7 6	7 11 8	19 7 6	10 12 0	0 10 6	54 9 2
41 Armagh	9 5 0	10 5 0	...	1 12 0	5 0 0	1 15 0	18 12 0
42 Lurgan	19 1 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
43 Tanderagee	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Balance	31 18 2						
	73 1 2						73 1 2

The Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Beloved Fathers and Brethren,

With sentiments of real pleasure, we hail the annua return of that period, in which according to our long established usage, we receive and communicate the mutua expressions and pledges of our cordial and increasing affection. We rejoice that we are Wesleyan-Methodis Preachers, and that in this character we are identified with you. We have "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all," who hath made us partakers of his grace, and inspired us with one heart, and one soul All the efforts used to divide us have been employed in vain, or have only rivetted more closely and permanently the bonds of our union and fellowship in Christ; so that "whether you come and see us, or else be absent you may hear of our affairs, that we stand fast in one spirit, with one mind; striving together for the faith of the Gospel.'

We are fully resolved ever to resort to the Holy Scriptures as the source and the test of all our opinions and practices, and from that sacred depositary to derive all the materials of our ministry, and rules of our conduct. Notwithstanding, we can freely testify, that the investigation of closer study, and the experience of accumulating years, have only confirmed us in the persuasion, that the doctrines and discipline of Methodism are "according to godliness," and that in adhering to them, we abide by "the truth as it is in Jesus." And furthermore, while we feel the importance and avow the determination of "holding fast the form of sound words," which we have heard from you, in faith and love, and of "contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints," we are no less convinced of the necessity of experimental and practical holiness, in heart and life. We thank God for that degree of Christian purity, with which he has blessed us as a body. And this we pray that the very God of peace may sanctify us wholly; that we may be "blameless and harmless, the son

of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, amongst whom" it is our desire to "shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life."

We lament to say, that the opposition unjustly raised against us on grounds which were stated in several of our former addresses, continued during the last year very painfully to affect our character and circumstances. "We were troubled on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." In the midst of all our troubles we have realized "the good-will of Him who dwelt in the bush." Our God was with us, bearing up our hands, comforting our hearts, answering our prayers, and crowning our labours with success. Upon the examination of our returns of the numbers in society with us this year, the increase stands at three thousand five hundred and twenty-eight; and when we calculate the loss we have sustained, since the last Conference, by the separations effected in some of our Societies, by emigration to America, (chiefly to British America), and by the fatal ravages of disease within that period, we conclude that our entire accession of new members must have been considerably more. These have been added to our Society, not by artifice, or unworthy means; but, we trust by the power of God attending his own word, through our instrumentality. Having resolved first, to dedicate themselves unto the Lord, they have given their hands and their affections unto us. Our hearts desire and prayer to God for them is, that they may be saved. We hope for their steadfastness in the Church militant here on earth; and we anticipate the joy of beholding them in the last great day, distinguished among the trophies which shall dignify the Redeemer's triumph, and adorn his crown. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and honor, and glory, and blessing." "Not unto us, O Lord not unto us, but unto thy name be the glory." And here we find it no less our pleasure than our duty, to praise the Lord for his goodness in continuing to own the labours of our brethren, the Irish Missionaries, in the awakening and conversion of many sinners. By their efforts, vital and practical christianity *is greatly* promoted in this land.

We have made such arrangements, both in regard to their various talents for the work, and respective destinations, (which shall appear on our Minutes) as we trust will engage the blessing of Heaven, and meet the approbation of your General Missionary Committee, who, for the affectionate interest which they have discovered in our Irish affairs, are entitled to our warmest thanks.

Our pecuniary embarrassments still continue; which may be accounted for, partly at least, by the unparalleled depression of business among those who are in trade, and by the want of employment among the labouring classes, whereby many, who were formerly in easy circumstances, have been reduced to straits. In consequence of these difficulties, we have been obliged to make up our deficiencies, as in the two preceding years, by our own subscriptions. We announce not these things in the language either of complaint or of despondency, for we feel thankful; and our hope is in the Lord, of whom we desire to learn, with the holy Apostle, "in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content, that we may know how to be abased, and how to abound; everywhere and in all things to be instructed, both to be full and to be hungry, to abound, and to suffer need." We cannot indeed, forget the love manifested by our people, in the riches of their liberality to us, in a great trial of affliction, for to their power (we bear them record) yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves to help us.

To the brethren of the Dungannon Committee, we are much indebted. To their faithful and persevering exertions under the good providence of God, we owe the recovery of most of our Chapels. No less than twenty-five of them have been regained, since the legal decision of the Derry case; an event from which we have realized, and still expect the happiest consequences.

Of our filial and christian obligations to you, beloved fathers and brethren, we cannot be unmindful. The great work which we witness, and labour to preserve and promote in Ireland, did not begin with us, it originated with you. The venerable WESLEY, who under God is the father of us all, and the first preachers of Methodism in *Ireland,* came from England; and God having raised us

up to you, as spiritual children, begotten through the Gospel, you have not neglected us, but with parental care, have held us by the hand, and guided and helped our goings. Many of your good gifts we have to acknowledge; and here we would inscribe our grateful record of your love, so strikingly shewn towards us, at your last Conference, in the liberal donation of books, with which you then favoured us. Our hearts rejoice that we are still recognized as your children and brethren in Christ; and although the younger branches of the family, we cannot in this sense indulge a fear, that we shall ever be left orphans or friendless. Yea, our hearts cherish the further confidence, that

> "God himself our Father is,
> And Jesus is our Friend!"

Hence we thank God, and take courage.

Our highly respected and beloved brethren, Messrs. EDMONDSON and MARSDEN, having arrived early in the last month have made a partial tour, the former through the northern, and the latter through the southern parts of our Island. They have made themselves acquainted with our Circuits and circumstances; and by their ministry, counsel, and sympathy, have rendered us much service, and commanded the best affections of our hearts. Both your PRESIDENT and Brother MARSDEN have approved themselves in all things worthy of the office and trust confided to them, and secured to themselves our utmost confidence and love.

We regret that any circumstance should have prevented our respected and beloved Brother NEWTON from visiting us this year; but were glad to hear by our PRESIDENT, that he has it in intention to visit us next year. This we shall indeed esteem a favour; and we request that he and with him whoever you may be pleased to appoint for the purpose of accompanying the PRESIDENT of our next Conference, may come over in such time as will admit of their visiting our principal Societies throughout Ireland: as we can have no doubt respecting the utility of such a visit, in its influence both upon our preachers and people, and upon the work of God among us.

We have appointed our beloved and faithful brother,

JOHN STUART, as our Representative, and our brother, SAMUEL WOOD to accompany him, who is also "faithful and beloved."

Much love and harmony have prevailed throughout our Conference: and we again go forth to our sacred work, trusting in the Lord who hath said, "I will never leave thee, I will never forsake thee," and without whom we are conscious we can do nothing. We are determined to take heed unto ourselves, and unto the doctrine, and to continue in them; if haply, we may through Christ rejoice at last, in the salvation of ourselves, and of them that hear us!

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Irish Conference,

WILLIAM SMITH, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 9, 1819.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS FROM THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

The truly christian spirit which breathes through the whole of your Address, was in the highest degree grateful to our feelings. It is with pleasure that we avail ourselves of the opportunity, furnished by the Annual Meeting of our Conference, to receive and communicate those sincere expressions of mutual attachment, by which we recognize each other as members of the same family, animated by the same spirit, acting under the direction of the same heavenly Father, and earnestly striving for the promotion of the same great object—the extension and

prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom. We are indeed brethren, and happy in our inviolable fellowship.

Our great calling is, to revive and spread Scriptural Christianity. We therefore most heartily concur with you in regarding the Sacred Scriptures as the only source of Divine light, whose power and truth we are earnestly desirous more fully to realize in our personal experience, and whose doctrines we are anxiously concerned more faithfully to illustrate, and declare by our ministry; at the same time imploring the teaching of the Holy Spirit, by whose influence alone we can be made "the light of the world."

With you we feel thankful for that grace which is committed unto us, as a part of the great christian church, by which we are still enabled to "preach the unsearchable riches of Christ," and for the continuance of that simplicity and purity, both of doctrine and experience, through which Methodism, under the blessing of Heaven, proceeds so widely to diffuse "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God."

We feel mutual sentiments of gratitude to God for the gracious help you have obtained from him amidst your complicated trials. We bless the God of our fathers, who comforted, upheld and succeeded them in the beginning of the present revival of religion; and who gives to you undeniable and delightful tokens of his continued presence, especially by affixing his seal to your ministry, and crowning your efforts with great and manifest success, as appears by your large increase of numbers. While we rejoice in the accession of your thousands to the army of the King of Saints, we fervently pray that this consoling evidence of the countenance and approbation of our Divine Master, may be continued to you. Oh that He may yet more abundantly thus cheer your hearts and strengthen your hands!

The testimony which you have borne to the successful toils of the Irish Missionaries gives us much satisfaction. We trust that ere long, we shall see the dawning light of revealed truth shining brighter and brighter, and the pure religion of the Bible diffusing its energies through every province of our sister island. For the completion of the

glorious result, at which we aim in all our missionary exertions, both in Ireland, and on our Foreign Stations, the glory of God in the salvation of men, we cease not to pray to HIM, in whose sure word of prophecy and almighty power we are encouraged to confide. May the millions of our perishing fellow-beings, blinded and enslaved by antichristian superstition and pagan delusion, be speedily turned "from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto God." We have cause to believe that our indefatigable Missionaries in Ireland, and elsewhere, will have the exalted pleasure in the day of the Lord Jesus, of presenting to Him many converts, redeemed from sin and error, cleansed by the blood of our Divine Redeemer, sanctified by his Spirit, and saved to the uttermost by "the grace of God, which bringeth salvation to all men."

When we contemplate the great things which have already been effected by our Missions, together with our extensively opening and brightening prospects, we cannot forbear to admire the wisdom and mercy of God. In some of His afflictive dispensations, He may have seen it right by manifold trials, to exercise our faith and patience; but is He therefore less worthy of our confidence? We beg to assure you, dear brethren, that in all your afflictions we tenderly sympathize with you. We are not only convinced that it is our duty to love you with a pure heart fervently, but we are strongly excited by fraternal feelings, to share your griefs, and mingle our tears with yours. Yet you have also given us abundant cause for joy. We were greatly pleased, when our late President, Mr. EDMONDSON, and Mr. MARSDEN, related the high gratification which they derived from their respective tours in the north and south of Ireland, where they were charmed in beholding the simplicity, piety, and brotherly love of our Societies; and, if possible were yet more gladdened by the testimony of their approbation in reference to your Conference. They mentioned you with emotions of delight; and we think it but our duty to report their attestation of the Divine grace among you, evinced in your love towards each other, and in your zeal for the prosperity of the church of Christ at large, and especially in the depart*ment* of Methodism, by whose doctrines and discipline

you were determined to abide, and by all means to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Of this we cordially approve, and take the liberty of strongly recommending this excellent determination to be the guide of your public conduct.

Your Representative, Mr. John Stuart, by the faithful and able manner in which he has discharged among us the important duties of his office, and Mr. Samuel Wood, by his zealous attention to your affairs, and his ministerial usefulness among us, have obtained a lively interest in our affection and esteem. All you have said respecting the benefit you have derived from our well-tried brethren who visited you, we fully anticipated, from the knowledge we have of their temper, wisdom, and piety; and we believe you will obtain similar advantages from those brethren who if the Lord permit, will visit you the next year. We have appointed our President to preside at your next Conference, and our esteemed brethren, Messrs. Benson, and James Wood, have been earnestly requested to accompany him to Ireland. They are venerable men of God, well qualified to fulfil an embassy of peace and love. We know their paternal affection, and their deep experience in the Divine life. All the Churches know their abundant and successful labours in the ministry. If either of them should be prevented from visiting you, our beloved brother Mr. Myles, has consented to supply the vacancy. From these servants of the Most High we devoutly hope, through the blessing of heaven upon their endeavours, you will reap great and permanent benefits; and we are more strongly confirmed in our anticipations, when we look at their particular and comprehensive knowledge of the whole economy of Methodism. From them you will not fail to derive essential help in the direction of your affairs. Divine Providence, we trust, will permit Mr. Robert Newton to redeem his pledge, which is the object of his anxious wishes, by visiting you at some future opportunity.

Thanks be to God he has owned our feeble endeavours during the preceding year, to spread the savour of the knowledge of Christ. It is true great commercial distress has been felt in several manufacturing districts of this country; but in the *midst of* outward trials, we have been

manifestly favoured with rich spiritual mercies. We have had peace in all the borders of our Zion, and the pleasure of the Lord appears to have prospered in most of our Circuits. Our people are growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May this still more eminently appear both with you and us, and the people committed to our pastoral care; as it undoubtedly will if we continue to "walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing."

To the merciful care, the all-wise direction, and the heavenly benediction of your God and our God, we most affectionately commend you. "To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus for ever, Amen."

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

JABEZ BUNTING, *Secretary.*

BUILDING AND CHAPEL FUND.

The DUNGANNON COMMITTEE having met in Dublin, July 1820, with a deputation of the Conference, consisting of the following persons, viz.—Messrs. James Wood, Wm. Myles, D. M'Allum. S. Steele, M. Tobias, John Stuart, Henry Deery, and Robert Crozier, to consult respecting the establishment of a Fund, and the formation of a Committee, for liquidating debts on Chapels and Preachers' dwellings, and to assist in the erection of new ones; the following plan was arranged, and submitted to Conference:

1st.—In every Circuit, let the Preachers, Stewards, and Leaders, use their influence in collecting one penny per month, from every member under their care.

2nd.—Let our friends, who are not in Society, be solicited also to subscribe each one penny per month.

3rd.—Let one penny be the contribution requested; leaving it to each individual to give whatever he pleases above that sum.

4th.—As many persons may wish to pay their whole

subscription for one year in advance, it will be a desirable point to obtain this as extensively as may be practicable.

5th.—A proper person shall be appointed in every class to receive and enter the contributions of our friends, and to hand over the sums so collected to the Treasurer of the Circuit, monthly.

6th.—The moneys so raised, shall be lodged in the hands of a Treasurer on each Circuit, to be chosen at the September Quarterly Meeting, and each Circuit Treasurer shall remit quarterly the amount of cash received, to the general Treasurers in Dublin, by whom it shall be lodged in the Bank of Ireland. The DUBLIN SUPERINTENDENT for the time being, and THOMAS FANNIN, Esq., York-street, Dublin, are the General Treasurers.

7th.—The General Committee shall be composed of ten Preachers, (exclusive of the Treasurers,) to be chosen by the Conference; and of ten brethren, (not being travelling Preachers), who shall be chosen by their respective Districts, as follows:—Every Circuit shall nominate one person at the March Quarterly Meeting who shall be eligible to be chosen at the District Meeting in June, as a proper person to act as a Member of the BUILDING AND CHAPEL FUND COMMITTEE. The meeting of the said Committee will be held in Dublin, on the first Tuesday after the commencement of Conference.

8th.—All claims for liquidation of debts on any Chapel or Preachers' Dwelling, or the erection of a new one, shall be submitted to the Committee, in writing, and no grants allowed, but with their approbation.

9th.—No Circuit shall in future have a right to claim assistance from this Fund, for any new Chapel or Dwelling unless the consent of the General Committee shall have been previously obtained for its erection.

10th.—No Preacher or other person, shall be permitted hereafter to make a collection for any Chapel or Preacher's Dwelling, except on the Circuit where such Chapel or Dwelling is situated; nor then without the sanction of the Quarterly-Meeting of such Circuit.

N.B.—The Dublin Society have permission, for this year only, to collect throughout Ireland, for the building of their new *Chapel.*

11th.—By establishing this Fund, it is not intended to prevent, but to assist LOCAL EXERTION, to the utmost extent, on the Circuit to which the chapel may belong.

The establishment of the Building and Chapel Fund, on the plan above stated, is recommended to the affectionate attention of the members and friends of the Methodist Society. The advantages arising from which, if carried into complete operation, will be of great importance. First—It will prevent the Preachers leaving their Circuits, so that no such injuries may be sustained by their absence, as were before experienced in the collections, and in the spiritual concerns of a Circuit. Secondly—It will save the feelings of both Preachers and people, and relieve those generous individuals who were before too frequently applied to, and will more generally engage the efforts of the whole body, be much easier supported, and prove far more efficient than any former mode; and we are persuaded, that in a few years our embarrassments will be removed, and our Chapels and Preachers' Dwellings be more comfortably circumstanced in every part of Ireland. By this plan also, it is evident, the Conference will be relieved from this source of difficulty; and as the proposed contribution is so very small that it can scarcely be attended with any inconvenience, even to the poorest person, we have no doubt of the cordial co-operation of all our friends.

THOMAS SHILLINGTON, *President.*
ALEXANDER WILKINSON, *Secretary.*

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE METHODIST SOCIETY IN IRELAND.

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD,

With a full persuasion of your affection for us, your zeal for the Divine glory, your readiness of mind to assist by every means in your power, the propagation of true

religion in this country; we feel it our duty to lay before you the present state of our Connexion, and again to solicit your kind and vigorous co-operation with us, in promoting the interests of Methodism in Ireland.

During the last year, we have witnessed in various places, the awakening of sinners, and the conversion of souls. Believers also are advancing in the divine life; and with holy eagerness are "pressing towards the mark for the prize of their high calling of God in Christ Jesus;" and peace, unity, and love, are increasing in all our Circuits.

God has blessed our labours, and we are confident He will grant us more abundant success; for notwithstanding the vacancies occasioned by death, emigration, &c., we have an increase over the return of last year of upwards of 1200 Members, many of whom are happy in God their Saviour. To Him we ascribe the glory.

We congratulate you, beloved, on account of this spiritual prosperity and growing unity; for ye are our joy, and crown of rejoicing in the Lord. At the same time we feel deep and serious concern in laying before you an account of our financial embarrassments.

We need not inform you of the distresses that prevail in the agricultural and commercial classes of society; and we know, that many of you have to struggle with these things, in common with your countrymen. At the same time, we believe that you are fully convinced of the effect that those public distresses must naturally have on our pecuniary resources.

In calling your attention to the financial affairs of our Connexion, we desire to avoid the language of despondency on the one hand, or on the other, of imposing a burden upon you, which we are not willing to bear ourselves.

God is witness, and you yourselves are witnesses, that as a body, while ministering to you the word of life, to our power, yea, and in many instances beyond our power, we are willing to make every possible sacrifice, for preserving and advancing the blessed work in which we are engaged. You will bear with us as fools in this language of boasting.

The deficiencies this year, amount to £1860. To meet

A. JAMES JORDAN, who commenced his itinerant labours in 1780. He was a man of piety, sound understanding, quick penetration of mind, and steadiness of character: as a Preacher of the Gospel, his talents were considerable.

During eighteen months severe affliction, previously to his dissolution, he often declared the strength of his confidence in God his Saviour. At the request of his daughter two minutes before he expired, he lifted up his hand in token of his final triumph over "the last enemy, which is death."

Q. 4. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 5. How are the Preachers STATIONED for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	Matt. Tobias, Henry Deery, Alex. Mackey; Thos. Wade Doolittle, Editor and Book-Steward; Wm. Smith, John Clegg, Supernumeraries; John Kerr, William Ferguson, Jas. M'Keown, Superannuated.
2	*Longford & Oldcastle,*	Thomas Kerr, James Johnston Richard Price, Superannuated.
3	*Drogheda,*	William Stewart, John Rogers.
4	*Castleblayney,*	George M'Elwain, Arch. Campbell
5	*Wicklow,*	Wm. Armstrong, Robert Carson Alex. Moore, Superannuated.

HENRY DEERY, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6	*Waterford,*	John Stuart, Andrew Taylor; Wr Copeland, Supernumerary.
7	*Clonmel,*	John Howe, Richard Taylor Trac
8	*Carlow,*	William Douglas, Robert Bruce.
9	*Newtownbarry,*	Robert Banks, John Waugh.

JOHN STUART, *Chairman of the District.*

III. The Cork District.

: & Cove,	Saml. Steele, Saml. Harpur; Andw. Hamilton, sen., Supernumerary, who is to reside at Cove; Danl. M'Mullen, Superannuated.
don,	Thomas Waugh, William Richey.
bereen,	William Crook.
'ow,	Samuel Kyle; Joshua Harman, Supernumerary.

Samuel Steele, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. The Limerick District.

rick,	Andw. Hamilton, jun., Jas. Olliffe.
'own,	John Carey.
rea,	Samuel Wood, John Hill.
ghjordan,	Chas. M'Cormick, who is to change occasionally with the single Preacher of the Roscrea Circuit, under the direction of Brother Wood.
ntrath,	Gus. Armstrong, Samuel Downing.

NDREW Hamilton, *Chairman of the District.*

V. The Tullamore District.

more,	James M'Kee, John Hadden; Jas. Sterling, Supernumerary.
'ebar,	William M'Cornock, John Crozier Irvine.
'na,	Richard Phillips; Wm. Gilcriest, Supernumerary.
',	George Stephenson, John Holmes.
e,	John Clendinnen, William Foote; King Barton, Superannuated.

:ORGE Stephenson, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. The Clones District.

es & Cavan,	Michael Burrows, John Campbell; James Smith, John Wiggins, Supernumeraries.

25	*Killeshandra,*	Robt. Crozier, James Calcutt Pratt.
26	*Monaghan & Aughnacloy,*	David Waugh, Wm. Pollock, Thos. Barber; William Armstrong, Superannuated.

ROBERT CROZIER, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

27	*Enniskillen & Brookborough,*	Edwd. Hazelton, John Remmington, Thomas Ballard.
28	*Manorhamilton,*	Edwd. Johnston, Joseph Edgerton; Wm. Hamilton, Superannuated.
29	*Ballyshannon,*	Robert Strong.
30	*Irvinestown,*	John Foster, John Nesbitt.

EDWARD HAZELTON, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

31	*Londonderry & Strabane,*	William Keys, Wm. Guard; George Brown, Superannuated.
32	*Newtownlimavaddy,*	William Finley.
33	*Newtownstewart,*	William Kidd, Castor Clements; John M'Arthur, Robert Wilson, Supernumeraries; Matt. Stuart, Superannuated.

WILLIAM KIDD, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

34	*Belfast,*	Chas. Mayne, John Frazer Mathews; Thos. Brown, Supernumerary.
35	*Donaghadee & Newtownards,*	Alexander Sturgeon, John Jebb.
36	*Downpatrick,*	John Nelson.
37	*Carrickfergus,*	Blakely Dowling, Samuel M'Dowell.
38	*Coleraine,*	James Rutledge, Jas. M'Cutcheon; John Dinnen, Supernumerary.
39	*Lisburn,*	Thomas Ridgeway, Arch. Murdoch.

CHARLES MAYNE, *Chairman of the District.*

X. The Newry District.

40 *Newry,*	Francis Russell, Robert Cranston.
41 *Dungannon,*	George Burrows.
42 *Armagh & Charlemont,*	Daniel Pedlow, John Armstrong.
43 *Lurgan,*	Jas. Carter, Robt. Masaroon; John Malcomson, Superannuated.
44 *Tanderagee,*	Jas. Stuart, Edwd. Cobain; Zach. Worrell, Supernumerary; John Wilson, Superannuated.

Francis Russell, *Chairman of the District.*

Missionary Stations.

Missionaries who preach or teach in the Irish Language.

1 *General Missionaries,*	Gideon Ouseley, John Feely. N.B.—Letters to be directed to the Book-room, Whitefriar-street, Dublin.
2 *County of Wexford,*	Charles Graham. Letters to be directed to Enniscorthy.
3 *County of Kilkenny & Glen of Imaile,*	James Bell. Letters to be directed to Kilkenny.
4 *Youghal & County of Waterford,*	William Reilly.
5 *Bantry & Skull,*	Henry Benson. N.B.—Brother Benson to be under the direction of Brother Reilly.
6 *County of Kerry,*	William Cornwall. Letters to be directed to Tarbert.
7 *County of Clare,*	George Hansbrow. Letters to be directed to Killaloe.
8 *County of Galway,*	Francis Stephens. Letters to be directed to Ballinasloe.
9 *Ballymoate & Tyrawley,*	Thomas Lougheed.

10 *Counties of Derry & Antrim,* } Robert Bailey.
Letters, to the Mission House, Ballymena.

Missionaries who preach in English.

1	*Dunmore,*	Arthur Noble.
2	*Killybegs,*	Francis Armstrong.
3	*Rathmullen,*	James Irvine. Letters to be directed to Stranorlar.
4	*County of Tyrone,*	Charles M'Cord. Letters to be directed to Omagh.
5	*County of Down,*	Matthew Lanktree. Letters to be directed to Newtownards.
6	*Fews,*	John Hamilton. Letters to be directed to Newry.

Q. 6. How many wives are to be provided for this year?

A. Seventy-one, viz:—Sisters Tobias, Deery, Doolittle, Wm. Smith, Clegg, Thos. Kerr, Johnston, Wm. Stewart, A. Campbell, Wm. Armstrong, J. Stuart, Taylor, Copeland, Douglas, Bruce, Banks, J. Waugh, Steele, Harpur, A. Hamilton, sen, Thos. Waugh, Crook, Harman, A. Hamilton, jun., Olliffe, Howe, Wood, Murphy, M'Cormick, Downing, Hadden, Sterling, M'Cornock, Phillips, Gilcriest, Stephenson, Clendinnen, Michael Burrows, J. Campbell, Pratt, D. Waugh, Pollock, Hazelton, Remmington, E. Johnston, Edgerton, Strong, Foster, Nesbitt, Keys, Kidd, Clements, Mayne, Jebb, Nelson, Dowling, M'Dowell, Rutledge, M'Cutcheon, Dinnen, Ridgeway, Murdoch, Russell, Cranston, G. Burrows, Pedlow, Carter, James Stuart, Cobain, Worrell.

Q. 7. What are the contributions of the Circuits towards the support of the wives?

As follows, viz:—

	British Currency.					British Currency.		
Dublin	£32	0	0	Waterford	town .	8	0	0
Longford	. 20	0	0		country	8	0	0
Drogheda	. 22	0	0	Clonmel	town .	8	0	0
Castleblayney	. 6	0	0		country .	8	0	0
Wicklow	. 16	0	0	Carlow	.	16	0	0

Newtownbarry	20	0	0
Cork	32	0	0
Bandon town	16	0	0
Bandon country	16	0	0
Skibbereen	10	0	0
Mallow	10	0	0
Limerick town	16	0	0
Limerick country	16	0	0
Roscrea town	8	0	0
Roscrea country	16	0	0
Milltown	10	0	0
Cloughjordan	16	0	0
Mountrath	28	0	0
Tullamore	20	0	0
Castlebar	18	0	0
Sligo	22	0	0
Boyle	16	0	0
Ballina	20	0	0
Clones & Cavan	10	0	0
Killeshandra	16	0	0
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	24	0	0
Enniskillen and Brookborough	16	0	0
Manorhamilton	24	0	0
Ballyshannon	16	0	0
Irvinestown	32	0	0
Londonderry & Strabane	20	0	0
Newtownlimavaddy	6	0	0
Newtownstewart	20	0	0
Belfast	20	0	0
Donaghadee	16	0	0
Carrickfergus	16	0	0
Coleraine town	10	0	0
Coleraine country	10	0	0
Lisburn	28	0	0
Downpatrick	6	0	0
Newry	18	0	0
Dungannon	20	0	0
Charlemont and Armagh	20	0	0
Lurgan	36	0	0
Tanderagee	32	0	0
	£870	0	0

Q. 8. What are the numbers in our Societies?

A. As follows, viz:

Dublin	1086	Roscrea	290
Longford & Oldcastle	250	Cloughjordan	188
Drogheda	306	Mountrath	370
Castleblayney	403	Tullamore	200
Wicklow	348	Castlebar	170
Waterford	206	Ballina	323
Clonmel	320	Sligo	680
Carlow	462	Boyle	300
Newtownbarry	450	Clones and Cavan	465
Cork and Cove	506	Killeshandra	600
Bandon	850	Monaghan and Aughnacloy	635
Skibbereen	370	Enniskillen & Brookborough	1000
Mallow	125	Manorhamilton	700
Limerick	484		
Milltown	140		

Ballyshannon	454
Irvinestown	1240
Londonderry & Strabane	515
Newtownlimavaddy	144
Newtownstewart	820
Belfast	368
Donaghadeee	332
Carrickfergus	540
Coleraine	386
Lisburn	816
Downpatrick	204
Newry	430
Dungannon	460
Armagh & Charlemont	530
Lurgan	1260
Tanderagee	1000

Missions.	
Newtownbarry	110
Youghal	75
Killaloe	85
Galway	125
Tyrawley & Tireragh	68
Derry & Antrim	194
Down	34
Ballymoate	35
Belturbet & Newtownbutler	92
Newtownards & Comber	300
Cookstown & Dungannon	309
Rathmullen	225
Killybegs	114
Tarbert	46
	33,538

Q. What has been contributed by the Circuits towards the extra Collection? *

A.—

Dublin	£82	14	6½	Cloughjordan	9	0	0
Longford & Oldcastle	8	15	0	Mountrath	10	0	0
Drogheda	12	10	10	Tullamore	8	13	4
Castleblayney	8	10	0	Castlebar	5	0	7
Wicklow	14	0	0	Ballina	5	0	0
Waterford	8	10	10	Sligo	17	0	0
Carlow	19	0	5	Boyle	10	0	0
Newtownbarry	15	1	9½	Clones & Cavan	10	0	0
Cork	20	6	0	Killeshandra	16	6	0
Bandon	23	7	8	Monaghan and Aughnacloy	13	0	0
Mallow	2	0	0	Enniskillen	16	18	8
Limerick	13	3	7	Manorhamilton	10	0	0
Clonmel	7	0	0	Ballyshannon	4	0	0
Roscrea	11	18	0	Irvinestown	6	10	0
Milltown	10	10	0	Londonderry	9	17	8
Tralee Friends, per John Busteed, Esq.	15	0	0	Newtownlimavaddy	2	3	4
				Newtownstewart	13	15	0
				Belfast	15	0	0

* This question and answer are not found in the Conference Journal. They were probably omitted by mistake, and were inserted in the published Minutes of the year, after the Minutes had been printed. This accounts for the question appearing without a number.—Eds.

Carrickfergus	8	0	0
Coleraine	10	6	0
Lisburn	16	0	0
Downpatrick	5	0	0
Donaghadee	9	0	0
Newry	10	10	0
Dungannon	18	0	0
Lurgan	20	0	0

Missions.			
Youghal	5	10	0
Killaloe	5	0	0
Mr. George Brown	4	0	0
Down	1	5	0
Wexford	4	3	4
Cookstown	10	0	0
Newtownards	4	16	3
Galway	3	0	0

Q. 9. What has been contributed towaads the Preachers' Fund?

A. As follows, viz:—

	British Currency.		
Dublin	25	14	4
Longford & Oldcastle.	1	0	0
Drogheda	5	15	6
Castleblayney	1	6	0
Wicklow	2	14	6
Waterford	4	4	4
Clonmel	4	4	0
Carlow	1	6	6
Newtownbarry	1	18	0
Cork and Cove	10	14	6
Bandon.	7	8	0
Skibbereen	1	0	0
Mallow.	1	0	0
Limerick	5	9	0
Milltown	1	4	0
Roscrea	1	1	0
Cloughjordan	1	1	0
Mountrath	1	1	8
Tullamore	1	10	0
Castlebar	4	4	0
Ballina.	2	10	0
Sligo	2	2	0
Boyle	1	0	0
Clones & Cavan.	1	5	0
Killeshandra	1	1	0
Monaghan	1	0	0

	British Currency.		
Enniskillen	1	0	0
Manorhamilton	1	0	0
Ballyshannon	1	0	0
Irvinestown	1	0	0
Londonderry and Strabane	1	12	0
Newtownlimavaddy	1	0	0
Newtownstewart	1	1	0
Belfast	3	8	6
Donaghadee and Newtownards.	1	0	0
Downpatrick	1	0	0
Carrickfergus	2	9	0
Coleraine	1	15	0
Lisburn	2	2	6
Newry	1	1	0
Dungannon	1	9	0
Armagh & Charlemont	1	0	0
Lurgan.	4	4	0
Tanderagee	3	11	6

Missions.			
General Mission.	1	0	0
Newtownbarry	1	0	0
Youghal	2	0	0

Killaloe.	2	0	0	Cookstown and Dungannon	1	0	0
Galway	1	0	0	Ballymena	1	0	0
Tyrawley and Tireragh	1	0	0	Rathmullen	1	0	0
Derry & Antrim	1	0	0	Killybegs	1	0	0
Down	1	0	0	Tarbert.	1	0	0
Carrick-on-Shannon and Mohill	1	0	0	Donation from Jas. Hill, Esq.	9	4	7
Ballymoate	1	0	0	Mrs. Deeves' Legacy	11.	6	6
Belturbet and Newtownbutler	1	0	0	Subscriptions of the Preachers	276	16	0
Newtownards & Comber	1	0	0		433	14	11

Q. 10. What are the claims on the Preachers' Fund?

A. As follows, viz:—

Wm. Armstrong	25	4	0	John Kerr	42	0	0
Alice Anderson.	12	12	0	Michael Murphy	42	0	0
Eliza Alcorn	36	15	0	Alex. Moore	31	10	0
George Brown	42	0	0	Dan. M'Mullen	31	10	0
Thomas Barber.	36	15	0	John Malcomson	25	4	0
Thomas Brown.	36	15	0	John M'Arthur.	36	15	0
King Barton	25	4	0	Isabella M'Adam	18	18	0
Wm. Copeland	25	4	0	James M'Keown	31	10	0
John Clegg	36	15	0	Mary Price	36	15	0
Ann Darragh	25	4	0	Richard Price	25	4	0
John Dinnen	47	5	0	Avice Peacock	12	12	0
Judith Edwards.	31	10	0	Matthew Stuart.	36	15	0
Wm. Ferguson	36	15	0	James Sterling	25	4	0
Mary Grace	36	15	0	William Smith	42	0	0
Alice Gordon	25	4	0	James Smith	36	15	0
Wm. Gilchriest.	25	4	0	Zach. Worrell	31	10	0
Wm. Hamilton	36	15	0	Eliza Wilson	31	10	0
Joshua Harman.	25	4	0	John Wilson	25	4	0
Mary Harrison	12	12	0	John Wiggins	25	4	0
A. Hamilton,sen.	42	0	0				
Eliza Johnston	31	10	0		1241	2	0

Q. 11. What has been contributed by the Circuits, towards the education of the Preachers' Children?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin.	41	14	6	Enniskillen and Brookborough	3	13	9
Longford and Oldcastle	2	12	6	Manorhamilton	2	6	9
Drogheda	8	14	5	Ballyshannon	1	15	9
Castleblayney	3	0	0	Irvinestown	3	12	4
Wicklow	7	13	9	Londonderry & Strabane	3	5	5
Waterford	8	2	6	Newtownlimavady	1	3	6
Clonmel	3	9	6	Newtownstewart	1	5	5
Carlow.	6	5	1	Belfast.	12	0	0
Newtownbarry	5	12	8	Donaghadee	3	0	0
Cork and Cove	11	8	8	Downpatrick	1	7	6
Bandon.	15	7	0	Carrickfergus	7	10	0
Skibbereen	1	8	0	Coleraine	3	0	0
Mallow.	2	10	0	Lisburn	5	5	0
Limerick	7	1	6	Newry.	6	8	6
Milltown	2	9	0	Dungannon	2	6	6
Roscrea.	7	0	0	Armagh & Charlemont	5	0	0
Cloughjordan	1	10	0	Lurgan	6	10	0
Mountrath	3	15	6	Tanderagee	4	13	8
Tullamore	4	5	0	Newtownbarry Mission	5	0	0
Castlebar	4	6	3	Youghal Mission	3	1	2
Ballina.	2	10	0	Mrs. Shiel's Legacy	5	8	4
Sligo	5	13	9				
Boyle	2	2	6				
Clones & Cavan.	4	0	0				
Killeshandra	1	12	0				
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	4	5	6		262	6	3

Q. 12. What has been contributed to the support of our Missions?

A. 1st. By public collections on the different Circuits, as follows, viz.:—

Dublin.	67	9	8	Waterford	11	0	1
Longford & Oldcastle.	4	2	6	Clonmel	6	17	6
Drogheda	15	3	0	Carlow.	6	10	6
Castleblayney	6	10	0	Newtownbarry	7	3	6
Wicklow	6	1	0	Cork and Cove	17	8	7
				Bandon.	20	5	6

Skibbereen	2	0	0	Irvinestown	3	3	
Mallow.	6	0	0	Londonderry & Strabane	6	2	
Limerick	9	6	4	Newtownlimavaddy	4	1	
Roscrea.	6	18	6	Newtownstewart	2	1	
Milltown	3	4	0	Belfast.	13	4	
Cloughjordan	4	2	6	Donaghadee	3	15	
Mountrath	6	4	0	Downpatrick	1	0	
Tullamore	5	17	0	Carrickfergus	17	16	
Castlebar	8	16	0	Coleraine	7	0	
Ballina.	4	1	2	Lisburn.	4	0	
Sligo	10	0	0	Newry.	12	0	
Boyle	3	2	0	Dungannon	4	0	
Clones & Cavan.	3	5	0	Armagh & Charlemont	6	0	
Killeshandra	2	8	0	Lurgan.	12	12	
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	6	3	3	Tanderagee	8	17	
Enniskillen and Brookborough	5	2	6				
Manorhamilton.	1	10	0		365	0	
Ballyshannon	2	16	0				

2. By Missionary Associations.

Dublin.	205	10	0	Castlebar	4	2	
Longford & Old-castle.	8	5	0	Sligo	20	1	
Waterford Missionary Prayer Meeting	2	13	6	Clones & Cavan.	4	5	
Newtownbarry	19	18	6	Strabane	18	0	
Cork and Cove	68	1	2	Newtownstewart	13	1	
Bandon.	25	19	10	Lisburn	18	17	
Limerick	8	12	9	Lurgan.	20	0	
Clonmel	17	0	0	Tanderagee	9	6	
Milltown	10	1	6	Youghal	12	16	
Mountrath	10	9	0	Dungannon	3	18	
Tullamore	7	13	10	Omagh.	13	0	
					521	15	

3. By collections made on Missionary Stations.

Newtownbarry	5	12	6	Galway.	13	0	
Youghal	14	10	0	Tyrawley and Tireragh	1	0	
Killaloe.	10	9	9				

Ballymoate		1	0	0	friend to the cause of Missions.	7	10 10
Amount of gold rings, pearl ornaments, &c. from a female						53	3 1

DONATIONS.

From James Hill, Esq. by Brother Hamilton	90	0	0	——Anonymous, by Mr. Hugh Copeland	2	0	0
—— a friend in Tullamore	6	0	0	——Mr. Thos. M'Cormick	5	0	0
					103	0	0

Q. 13. What can be done to prevent the future occurrence of annual deficiencies, chargeable on our Contingent Fund?

A. We agree, that a circular letter shall be prepared, and sent to the next Quarterly Meetings throughout Ireland, explaining to them the necessity, and christian obligation, of making such exertions in the several Societies of their own Circuits, as will enable them to provide, as far as possible, the regular allowances for the Preachers stationed among them, and also for their wives and children, &c., without sending large deficiencies, to be made up at the Conference out of our general funds; and earnestly recommending, that, in order to accomplish this essential object, the Societies of every Circuit be affectionately urged, by their respective Stewards and Leaders, to raise their quarterly contributions to, at least, 10d. for each member on the average.

Q. 14. How can we, as a body, promote more fully the general interests of religion?

A. We unanimously resolve, that it shall be an instruction from this Conference, to all the Methodist Preachers of our Connexion in Ireland, to encourage, by every means in their power, the circulation of the Holy Scriptures; and, for this purpose, to afford all practicable countenance and assistance to the various Bible Societies established in this country, in connexion with the Hibernian Bible Society.

Q. 15. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting Sunday Schools?

A. We retain the opinion, which was expressed in a former year, respecting the great importance and utility of such Institutions, when prudently and religiously conducted; and we again desire all our Preachers, zealously to encourage those which already exist in their respective Circuits, and to promote the establishment of new ones, where they find it practicable.

Q. 16. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., William Smith, Samuel Steele, Matthew Tobias, John Stuart, Charles Mayne, William Stewart; and the Dublin Preachers for the time being.

Q. 17. Who is our Representative to the British Conference?

A. Henry Deery; accompanied by Matthew Tobias.

Q. 18. When shall the different Committees meet, previously to the sitting of the ensuing Conference?

A. The Chairman of Districts, on Tuesday, July 2nd. The Stationing Committee, on Wednesday, the 3rd. The Building and Chapel Fund Committee, on Thursday, the 4th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Q. 19. Who are the Building and Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, John Stuart, Samuel Steele, Henry Deery, Charles Mayne, Samuel Wood, George Stephenson, Robert Crozier, Francis Russell, Thomas Waugh; together with ten Brethren (not being travelling Preachers,) who shall be chosen by their respective Districts, according to the regulations, published in the Minutes of last year.

N.B.—It is understood, that the President and Secretary of the Conference, are ex officio, members of all Committees.

Q. 20. What preaching-houses are to be built this year?

A. One in Skibbereen; in Bantry, on the Skibbereen Circuit; in Comber, on the Newtownards Mission; in Youghal; in Bandon; in Ballyneen, on the Bandon Circuit.

Q. 21. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting the regulations of the last British Conference, in reply to the 26th Question stated in their Minutes, as *follows, viz:*—

"What measures can we adopt, for the increase of spiritual religion among our Societies and Congregations, and for the extension of the work of God in our native country?"

A. We cordially approve of, and enter into those regulations, and agree to the following extract from them, as applicable to our circumstances, for the direction of our conduct.

"After long and deeply serious consideration on this important question, we have unanimously agreed to the following results:

"1. We, on this solemn occasion, devote ourselves afresh to God; and resolve, in humble dependence on his grace, to be more than ever attentive to personal religion, and to the christian instruction and government of our own families.

"2. Let us endeavour, in our public ministry, to preach constantly all those leading and vital doctrines of the gospel, which peculiarly distinguished the original Methodist Preachers, whose labours were so signally blessed by the Lord, and to preach them in our primitive method—evangelically, experimentally, zealously, and with great plainness and simplicity; giving to them a decided prominence in every sermon, and labouring to apply them closely, affectionately, and energetically, to the consciences of the different classes of our hearers.

"3. Let us consecrate ourselves fully and entirely to our proper work, as servants of Christ and his church, giving ourselves "wholly" to it, both in public and in private, and guarding against all occupations of our time and thoughts, which have no direct connexion with our great calling, and which would injuriously divert our attention from the momentous task of saving souls, and taking care of the flock of Christ.

"4. Let us covet earnestly the best gifts, to qualify us for an acceptable and useful ministry; let us seek them in prayer from Him, who is the Father of lights, and fountain of wisdom; let us "stir up," and improve by study, and diligent cultivation, "the gift that is in us;" and strive in every way to be workmen who need not to "be ashamed, rightly *dividing* the word of truth;" taking

care, however, that, whatever other qualifications we may acquire and use, our ministry shall, at least, by the divine blessing, be always characterised by sound, evangelical doctrine, by plainness of speech, and by a spirit of tender affection and burning zeal.

"5. Let us frequently read, and frequently study, Mr. Wesley's Rules of a Helper, and other parts of the large Minutes which relate to the duties of a preacher and pastor.

"6. In order to promote an increase of the congregations, and a revival of the work of God, let us have recourse, even in our established Circuits, to the practice of preaching out of doors; seeking, in order to save, that which is lost.

"7. In every Circuit, let us try to open new places; let us try again places which have not been recently visited; let us be increasingly attentive to the supply and superintendence of the country places already on the plan; let us not be satisfied till every town, village, and hamlet in our respective neighbourhoods shall be blessed, as far as we can possibly accomplish it, with the means of grace and salvation; in a word, let every Methodist Preacher consider himself as called to be, in point of enterprise, zeal, and diligence, a Home Missionary, and to enlarge, and extend, as well as keep, the Circuit to which he is appointed.

"8. Let us, wherever it shall appear to be practicable, especially in the old and large Societies, employ some active, zealous men, whose piety, and general character, shall be approved by the Leaders' Meetings, to attempt the formation of new classes in suitable neighbourhoods, where we may hope by that method, to gather into the fold of Christ some persons who are "not far from the kingdom of God," but who need special invitation, and are not likely to give themselves fully to the Lord, and to us by the will of God, without more than ordinary labour and spiritual attention.

9. Let us speak plainly and pointedly in every place, both in those occasional meetings of the Society, at which strangers are allowed to be present, and in our sermons, on the duty and advantage of Christian fellowship; and exhort all who are seeking salvation, to avail themselves,

without delay, of the help of our more select means of grace.

"10. Let us encourage public prayer-meetings, especially those which are held at times which do not interfere with our general worship, in the houses of our friends, in different parts of a town or neighbourhood; such meetings having been long proved to be, when prudently conducted by persons of established piety, and competent gifts, and duly superintended by the preachers, and by the leaders' meetings, valuable nurseries for our congregations and Societies, and means of salvation to many who could not have been reached at first in any other method.

"11. In country places, where a full supply of preaching cannot be obtained, either by travelling or local preachers, let suitable persons, belonging to the nearest Societies, be encouraged to attend, under the direction of the Superintendent, for the purpose of public prayer and exhortation, and occasionally to read to the congregations a short and plain sermon on the first principles of the doctrine of Christ, until such places can be favoured with other and more regular opportunities of instruction in righteousness.

"12. Let us, ourselves, remember, and endeavour to impress on our people, that we, as a body, do no exist for the purposes of party; and that we are especially bound, by the example of our Founder, by the original principle on which our Societies are formed, and by our constant professions before the world, to avoid a narrow, bigoted, and sectarian spirit, to abstain from needless and unprofitable disputes on minor subjects of theological controversy, and as far as we innocently can, to please all men for their good unto edification. Let us, therefore, maintain towards all denominations of Christians, who hold the head, the kind and catholic spirit of primitive Methodism; and, according to the noble maxim of our fathers in the Gospel, "be the friends of all, the enemies of none."

"13. Let us, at least, in every large town, establish weekly meetings for the children of our friends, according to our ancient custom; and let us pay particular spiritual attention, in public and in private, to the young people of our Societies and congregations.

"14. Let us revive where it has been neglected, and promote in every place, the observance of those parts of our discipline, which refer to watch-nights, private and public bands, and quarterly days for solemn prayer and fasting.

"15. Let us, wherever we have access and opportunity, be diligent in pastoral visits to our people, at their own houses, especially to the sick, the careless and the lukewarm.

"16. But as such private visits must in many cases, from our plan of continual itinerancy and village preaching, and from the number of members in the larger Societies, be greatly limited, let us endeavour so to arrange in our several Circuits the plans for the quarterly public visitation of the classes, as to allow full time for a more minute examination into the christian knowledge, experience, and practice of the members, and for pastoral inquiries, instructions, and counsels, respecting personal and family religion.

"17. Let us regularly meet the class-leaders, and examine their class-papers, in town and country; and do all we can to engage both them, and our respected brethren, the local preachers, to co-operate with us, in their respective departments, in promoting vital godliness among our people, and extending the work of the Lord.

"18. As much depends under the blessing of God, on the piety, knowledge, zeal, activity, and christian temper of our leaders, as well as on their firm attachment to the doctrines, discipline, and cause of Methodism, let us never nominate a new leader, until we have conscientiously satisfied ourselves by previous inquiry and personal examination, as to the character and qualifications of the person proposed; and let us act uniformly on the rule respecting the public examination of leaders, which is found in our Minutes of 1811.

"19. Let us, whenever a new leader nominated by us and accepted by the leaders' meeting shall be first introduced into the meeting, take that opportunity of stating the duties which belong to the office, and of enforcing them on all present.

"20. Let us affectionately, but firmly enforce on the leaders, as an essential article of our pastoral discipline,

and one which in consequence of our own constant itinerancy, cannot be dispensed with, the rule of the Society, in which it is stated to be the duty of a leader "to see every member in his class once in every week."

"21. Let us pay particular attention to backsliders, and endeavour in the spirit of meekness, to restore them that have been overtaken in a fault, and by private efforts, as well as by our public ministrations, to recover the fallen out of the snare of the devil.

"22. Let us earnestly exhort our Societies to make the best and most religious use of the rest and leisure of the Lord's day; let us admonish any individuals who shall be found to neglect our public worship, under pretence of visiting the sick, or other similar engagements: let us shew to our people the evil of wasting those portions of the Sabbath, which are not spent in public worship, in visits or in receiving company, to the neglect of private prayer, of the perusal of the Scriptures, and of family duties, and, often to the serious spiritual injury of servants, who are thus improperly employed, and deprived of the public means of grace; let us set an example in this matter, by refusing for ourselves and for our families, to spend in visits, when there is no call of duty or necessity, the sacred hours of the holy Sabbath; and let us never allow the Lord's day to be secularized by meetings of mere business, when such business refers only to the temporal affairs of the church of God.

"23. In order that the state of the work may be constantly under the eye of the Preachers, we agree to revive uniformly the good old custom of keeping quarterly schedules in every Circuit, each of which shall contain a correct statement for the quarter to which it belongs, of persons admitted on trial; new members fully admitted into Society after due probation; removals into other Circuits; deaths; backsliders; conversions; number in the bands; and total number of members then in Society. The Book-Steward shall prepare, and furnish to every Circuit, a sufficient number of printed forms of such a schedule, to be filled up by the Preachers, in reference to every distinct class, during their quarterly visitations. And from these each Superintendent *shall* draw up every quarter one

general schedule, containing an account of all the Societies in his Circuit, in relation to the several particulars above mentioned. These general Circuit-schedules, each Superintendent is expected to produce, whenever required so to do, at the annual District-meeting, or at the Conference.

"24. Every Superintendent is required to leave for his successor in the Circuit-book, not only a list of the town and Circuit-Stewards, and of the annual subscribers to our several funds, &c., but especially an exact list of the names of all the members in his Circuit, arranged in their several classes and Societies, as found at the preceding midsummer-visitation.

"25. But as we are deeply sensible that the great thing to be desired, in order to a revival and extension of the work of God, without which no resolutions or labours, or regulations will avail, is A NEW AND MORE ABUNDANT EFFUSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT on ourselves, on our Societies and on our congregations, we solemnly agree to seek that blessing in humble and earnest prayer. And we hereby appoint that the day of the next quarterly-fast, namely, the Friday after Michaelmas day, October 6th, shall be observed in all our Circuits, as a day of special fasting, and prayer to Almighty God. Let meetings for public supplication be held, in as many places as possible, in every Circuit; and let the Preachers speak largely and particularly on the subject in their sermons on the preceding Lord's day.

"26. The various articles included in this Minute, shall be read by every Chairman at the next regular annual meeting of his District; and shall then be made the subject of serious conversation among the brethren, with a view to their particular bearing on the spiritual state and circumstances of each District respectively."

Q. 22. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin, on the first Friday in July, 1822.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JABEZ BUNTING, *President.*
ANDREW HAMILTON, JUN. *Secretary.*

We copy the following article from the Minutes of the last English Conference, viz.:—

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Number of Members now in Great Britain		191,217
Do. in Ireland*		23,800
Do. in our Foreign Missions ...		27,442
Under the care of the British and Irish Conferences ...		242,459
Under the care of the American Conference in 1819 ...		240,924
Total number of Members now in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the world, exclusively of regular Travelling Preachers, who are statedly employed in the work of the Ministry		483,383

N.B. The number of Regular Travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers is as follows, viz.:

In Great Britain—		
Regular Preachers	640	
Supernumerary and Superannuated do. ...	60	
		700
In Ireland—		
Regular Preachers stationed in Circuits ...	82	
Missionaries who use the English Language ...	8	
Missionaries who use the Irish Language ...	12	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	23	
		125
In Foreign Stations—		
Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries	124	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	4	
		128
In the American Connexion in 1819—		
Regular Preachers	761	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	51	
		812
Total throughout the World		1,765

* Through mistake, the return from the Galway Mission last year was one hundred above what it should have been.

THE YEARLY COLLECTION, WITH THE DEMANDS TO BE PAID OUT OF IT.

CIRCUITS.	Yearly Collection.	Surplus of Wives'Money	Deficiency of Salary.	Deficiency of Wives'Money	Rent and Taxes.	Fire and Candles.	Furniture and Repairs.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 Dublin	101 15 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 Longford and Oldcastle	6 2 6	...	20 17 6	13 0 0	3 0 0	11 13 0	...
3 Drogheda ...	20 0 0	...	17 2 6	10 16 8	...	9 18 6	...
4 Castleblayney	3 8 4	...	12 16 0	10 16 8	5 13 9	2 10 0	...
5 Wicklow	12 12 6	...	12 19 0	...	7 18 6	6 10 0	2 19 0
6 Waterford	29 10 4	...	13 18 10	17 6 8	...	11 18 6	...
7 Carlow	14 0 2	...	4 9 7	17 6 8	19 2 0	9 14 6	1 5 6
8 Newtownbarry	14 11 6	...	15 8 9	13 0 0	1 15 0	10 9 0	2 2 10
9 Cork and Cove	64 17 6	...	...	8 13 4	...	...	...
10 Bandon	28 7 6	17 6 8	12 16 6	...	...	...	...
11 Skibbereen	11 0 0	10 16 8	6 9 3	...	...	...	...
12 Mallow	6 0 0	...	17 6 8	9 2 4	10 0 0	0 6 5	...
13 Limerick	11 0 6	...	5 10 2	...	34 0 0	12 0 0	1 10 0
14 Clonmel	8 11 6	...	4 6 8	...	11 7 6	7 16 6	...
15 Roscrea	10 3 0	8 13 4	14 16 6	...	...	6 0 0	1 1 0
16 Milltown	8 16 6	...	7 1 0	6 10 0	13 13 0	4 15 6	...

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
17	Cloughjordan	5 1 6	...	3 9 8	...	...	4 12 6	...
18	Mountrath	8 6 0	13 0 0	31 12 6	...	11 7 6	5 4 6	...
19	Tullamore	9 7 6	4 6 8	30 10 9	...	17 1 0	10 3 0	0 11 6
20	Castlebar	8 5 0	2 3 4	10 9 0	...	...	9 0 0	3 1 0
21	Ballina	6 5 0	4 6 8	...	3 13 4	...	5 18 2	...
22	Sligo	12 16 1	3 10 0	...	...	...	...	...
23	Boyle	4 8 0	...	25 14 0	17 6 8	16 10 0	9 10 6	...
24	Clones and Cavan	3 10 0	...	13 7 6	6 10 0	9 2 0	5 5 0	...
25	Killeshandra	3 0 0	...	9 5 6	..	2 0 0	6 14 0	...
26	Monaghan and Aughnacloy	8 17 0	...	...	8 13 4	7 0 0	10 18 0	2 8 0
27	Enniskillen and Brookborough	10 0 0	...	2 14 0	...	8 11 10	5 12 6	...
28	Manorhamilton	6 2 0	8 13 4	12 8 6	...	...	4 18 6	...
29	Ballyshannon	3 4 6	...	12 17 5	...	4 16 6	5 6 6	...
30	Irvinestown	7 1 6	...	7 2 3	...	...	8 15 0	...
31	Londonderry and Strabane	4 12 0	4 6 8	20 19 0	...	6 0 0	4 15 6	...
32	Newtownlimavaddy	1 4 1	...	13 10 0	10 16 8	...	...	...
33	Newtownstewart	12 4 0	...	...	13 0 0	4 2 6	11 10 0	...

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Interest on Money borrowed	194	15	9
Sister Harman	17	6	8
„ Murphy	17	6	8
„ M'Arthur	17	6	8
„ Brown	17	6	8
„ Copeland	17	6	8
„ Worrell	17	6	8
„ M. Stuart	17	6	8
„ Sterling	17	6	8
Paid Mr. M'Caskey part of the debt on Tullamore Chapel	12	0	0
Cove Rent	12	0	0
Interest on debt for Tullamore Chapel	6	0	0
Grass Bill	19	16	0
	£377	5	1

The Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Beloved Fathers and Brethren,

Having been preserved by the good providence of God through the toils and trials of another year, we are once more assembled in Conference, to deliberate on those things which concern our little hill of Zion; the interests of which excite our perpetual solicitude, and engage our continual exercise and care.

In an early stage of our business, your parental and affectionate Address was read, the contents of which greatly encouraged and comforted our hearts, and awakened in us the liveliest feelings of gratitude and joy. Although we labour in separate parts of the Lord's vineyard, and have "gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us," yet our work, our rule, and our end are the same. "We are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." "Ye are in our hearts to die, and to live with you."

When the venerable founder of our Societies, and his laborious assistants in the christian ministry, first visited this land, great were their difficulties in preaching the Lord Jesus; yet, regardless of personal danger and fatigue, they proceeded in their sacred work, and their labours were crowned with success. Among a careless, ungodly, and prejudiced people, the Gospel was effectually promulgated, sinners were converted, and christian societies arose. They laboured, and we have entered into their labours. Their successors, through much opposition, for many years, traversed the country alone, and, unaided by other religious bodies, extensively preached "the unsearchable riches of Christ." But, of late, we rejoice to say, religious feeling has been roused, and various pious and benevolent plans have been formed and brought into successful operation, which have essentially promoted the best interests of Ireland. Among these must be ranked in the first order, Sunday Schools and Bible Societies.

By means of those excellent institutions, many young persons have acquired such knowledge of the Scriptures, such reverence for the Lord's Day, and such an improvement in their general habits, as are truly gratifying; and not a few of them have been farther led to a knowledge of themselves, and of Jesus Christ, whom to know is life eternal. With these invaluable institutions we desire to be found, as far as is practicable, in constant and efficient co-operation.

In the year before last, great was the prosperity of the work of the Lord among us; and, thank God, the fields are growing still more white to harvest. Through the last year, also, we have witnessed a blessed work, insomuch, that, notwithstanding the disappointment of our hopes in some instances, combined with the depopulating influence of disease and emigration among our people, we have added, upon the whole, upwards of twelve hundred members; and when we consider the grace of God, which has been manifested in this accession to our societies, we cannot but rejoice therein, as a special token of the Divine favour. In God is our trust, and to him be all the glory.

To those who know us not, it might have the appearance of despondency, or dissatisfaction with the ways of Providence, so frequently to notice the difficulties through which we are called to pass; but we feel persuaded that our dear fathers and brethren will not view it in this light; we tell you our sorrows, because you feel and take a share in them; and we have it in grateful recollection, that your tender sympathies have heretofore lightened our burdens, and lessened our griefs. Besides the ordinary opposition of the common enemy, we have had to contend with unreasonable men; "without were fightings, and within were fears." Yet, through all our conflicts and trials, we have been encouraged and comforted with that faithful promise of our Lord, "Lo! I am with you always, even to the end of the world," as, from a conviction that he put us into the ministry, we were enabled to claim it as our own. The state of Ireland at present is deplorable. The decline of commerce, depression of trade, want of employment, and latterly, the sudden failure of almost all

the banks through our southern districts have reduced the country to a condition of almost unparalleled distress. Our dear people, in common with others, have felt the pressure, in consequence of which our financial concerns are more than usually depressed. For several years we have according to our ability, yea, and beyond our ability, contributed, by relinquishment and subscription, those ways and means which our affectionate people, heretofore, and in more prosperous days, were enabled to supply. With a cheerful acquiescence in the will of God, we still feel it our purpose to sustain every privation; and by our utmost efforts to uphold that good cause, which, through the blessing of heaven, has been rendered so beneficial to thousands and tens of thousands throughout this land: firmly persuaded that our gracious Lord and Master will never forsake his own work. We have the pleasure of stating, with thankfulness, that the Dungannon Committee still continue to exert themselves beneficially, in promoting the interests of our Connexion.

Since our last Conference, four of our dear brethren have departed this life, and been gathered to their fathers. Two of them, many years ago, were obliged to retire from the regular work; yet they continued to labour as health and opportunity permitted. After many painful conflicts, in which they were graciously upheld and comforted, they all died in the steadfast faith and joyful hope of a glorious immortality.

We rejoice with you, dear fathers and brethren, in the great prosperity of our foreign Missions, and in the extensively opening and brightening prospects of increasing usefulness among the heathen; and we indulge the pleasing hope, that future generations will recognize you among the chief instruments of hastening the fulfilment of the sure word of prophecy, which unequivocally declares, "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

We are happy to find your confidence in our Irish Missionaries unimpaired. You justly believe them to be willing to spend and be spent in the great work of evangelizing their native country: they truly abound in the work of the

Lord. The fairs and markets, and chief places of concourse, continue to witness their love to perishing sinners. In several of the disturbed counties, they have had peculiar difficulties to contend with, and have been often exposed to imminent peril. Yet God has kept them in safety, and greatly comforted their hearts and ours, by adding many seals to their ministry.

The venerable brethren of your appointment, have secured to themselves our cordial esteem and love. They arrived some time before the commencement of our Conference. Mr. Wood visited a few of our Societies in the north, and Mr. Myles a few of those in the south, whilst our President continued to preach in the city. Their labours, both in and out of Conference, have been highly acceptable: they leave a good savour; and we are persuaded, that a pleasing remembrance of their wisdom, piety, and usefulness, will long be entertained. We feel it incumbent on us farther to state, that the President has discharged his official duties to our entire satisfaction.

We have been much gratified by the affectionate visit of our venerable and beloved brother, Mr. D. M'Allum, and we exceedingly regret the affliction which prevented the coming of Mr. Benson, whose praise is in all the Churches, and whom we should have greatly rejoiced to see among us. We present our hearty prayer to God on his behalf, and indulge the hope that in some future time, (perhaps the ensuing year) we may enjoy the gratification of seeing him, accompanied by Mr. Newton, whom we hold under engagement to come and see us. And we renew our earnest solicitation, that the President and brethren who may be appointed, will come in sufficient time to visit our principal Societies.

We have chosen our highly confidential and beloved brethren, Matthew Tobias and Samuel Wood to attend your Conference, the former as our Representative, and the latter to accompany and assist him in the discharge of the trusts confided to him. They are thoroughly acquainted with all our concerns, and we are confident they will be acceptable to you.

"Now unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory

with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power. Amen."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

SAMUEL WOOD, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 17, 1820.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS FROM THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

The season has again arrived for the interchange of the sincere expressions of that mutual esteem, which, blessed be the God of love, no circumstance has hitherto tended in any degree to diminish. We assure our beloved Irish brethren, that the Address of their Conference has not failed to awaken emotions, as deep and interesting as were ever experienced at any preceding period, by the Preachers in Great Britain. How indeed should it be otherwise, when minds not insensible to the claims of fraternal affection, are additionally impressed by the powerful obligations of christian communion, and yet more especially by the love which flows from our fellowship in the Gospel. In this view we receive the testimony of your esteem, and cordially present similar assurances of our love to you. Every family-feeling, and every divine requirement, all the tender sympathies which bind us together in the unity of the Spirit, constrain us to weep with you when you weep, and rejoice with you when you rejoice. We unite with you in thanksgiving to the Lord, for prospering your ministerial labours; particularly for succeeding with his blessing the unwearied toils of the Irish Missionaries, who preach in the native language; for continuing to extend your borders and shewing himself to be great in the midst of your Sion. May you and we personally experience that He is "the soul of each believing soul." The comfortable evidence of his presence and favour, will cheer and sustain our minds under every painful pressure, be it permitted to come upon us from whatever quarter it may. Our motto

must always be, "Thy loving-kindness is better than life." We therefore pray in your behalf, that God's approving smile may be found richly to compensate for your many distressing privations. We too, on this side of the channel feel the trying dispensation with which Providence has visited the United Kingdom. Neither you nor we are of those who say, "There is no God." We believe that "verily he is God that judgeth in the earth." When therefore the temporal affairs of a nation, whether in its manufacturing, commercial, or agricultural interests, are less auspicious than at a former period, we dare not exclude the Almighty from his sovereign dominion; nor will we presume to arraign at our bar his infinite wisdom and benevolence.

The great Ruler of the world has in many striking instances, very signally interposed in behalf of the British Empire; and we feel encouraged to hope He will again appear for us. We fervently pray, that He will be pleased in his good providence to point out resources, and open effectual ways for the employment of the sober and industrious classes, whereby they may honestly acquire the necessary supplies for their comfortable subsistence. If God should be graciously pleased to grant to the nation this mercy, our kind people, sharing the common blessing, will, it may be presumed, cheerfully discharge their duty to the helpers of their joy. Meantime, we doubt not, they will to their best ability, provide for the wants of those who minister at their altar. Let us then dear brethren, faithfully attend to our pastoral duties. Their importance let us feel, for so we ought; but let us never be depressed by the affliction we may be called to meet with, in zealously performing them. To this end may our blessed Master arm our minds with patience, and while his consolation abounds in our own bosoms, may He indulge us with encouraging prospects of increasing usefulness, by giving us to behold continual accessions of sinners turned away from their iniquities, and joined to the Lord, and to see more than ever, the people of our charge, so exhibiting in all the relations of life, the practical influence of religion, that every candid spectator may be led to acknowledge their conduct to be truly promotive of the welfare of the *human family.*

At the present era, when God so evidently requires the energies of all his honoured instruments, we greatly applaud you and your people, for assisting the pious and benevolent among other communities, in the education of the lower orders, and in the circulation of the Scriptures throughout your country. In these good works, we in England have long been privileged to bear our humble part. We are convinced, that all possible means should be diligently employed, for benefiting civil society. Such exertions we owe to our country and to the world at large. Moreover, they appear to be the means by which the way will be prepared for the general diffusion of spiritual knowledge and the consequent triumph of the gospel of our salvation. Let us constantly pursue those philanthropic and christian objects, convinced that whatever conduces to the intellectual and moral improvement of the world, will tend to develope the effectual means, whereby the glorious predictions of the Sacred Scriptures will ultimately be fulfilled, in the universal holiness and happiness of mankind.

We have deemed it our bounden duty to address the King, on his accession to the throne of these realms, in order to evince that scriptural loyalty inculcated on us by our venerable Founder, and strictly maintained among us, as a religious society. In obedience to the Divine authority, we honour the King as supreme; and, on the principle of conscience, we obey the laws of the land; and thankfully estimate the value of that liberty, civil and religious, which we, with our fellow subjects, so amply and beneficially enjoy. This privilege is likewise fully possessed by our Missionaries, in the foreign countries dependent on the British Empire; from whom, in both hemispheres, we continue to receive very gratifying intelligence, sufficient to encourage our undiminished exertions in the missionary department of our great work.

We have been exceedingly gladdened by the presence of the Rev. John Emory, who has visited the British Conference, in the character of a Representative of the General Conference of the Methodists in the United States of America, and whom we have most cordially recognised in that capacity. The intelligence which he has brought us,

in respect to the astonishing success of our transatlantic brethren in their extensive sphere of action, has kindled in our hearts devout gratitude to our common Lord. We hope to have, in future, the happiness and benefit of regular inter-communion with our American Brethren, which may be mutually profitable to them and us. Thus shall we be cemented as living stones in the same spiritual building, raised by the same instruments, and resting upon the one foundation, which is Christ.

Our late President, Mr. Crowther, and Messrs. Wood and Myles, whom we deputed to visit Ireland, have given on their return, a pleasing report respecting your spiritual prosperity; and together with your faithful Representative Mr. Tobias, have entered with much feeling into your concerns. We have appointed our highly esteemed President to preside at your next Conference, and have also requested Mr. Entwisle and Mr. Robert Newton to meet him in Ireland, where we hope the Lord will be pleased abundantly to bless their labour of love.

To God's holy keeping and blessing we devoutly commend you.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

GEORGE MARSDEN, *Secretary.*

Liverpool, August 7th, 1820.

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE METHODIST SOCIETY IN IRELAND.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

It is not of choice, but of necessity, that we are once more obliged to lay before you the painful detail of those deficiencies which have been incurred on your Circuits, in consequence of the inadequacy of that provision which the average provision of each Circuit has hitherto afforded. The failure of several Circuits, in meeting the tenpenny subscription of last year, has added to our difficulties in the present; while the number of children on the maintenance and education lists has become too heavy for us

to bear; and has never yet been provided for by the Education Collection. Dear brethren, are you not aware, that our children ought to be as dear to you as ourselves? inasmuch, as, to provide for them, during their years of dependence upon our funds, is necessary to our existence as a body, under God; and to the comfortable exercise of our ministry amongst you. It has been recommended, by several judicious friends, at this Conference, to apportion the children of the preachers on the Circuits, in proportion to their circumstances; but this measure has not appeared to the Conference, everything considered, practicable at present; or likely to be the most efficient means of meeting the difficulty. That plan, which has met the best views of the Conference, and which is the most simple, and easy to be accomplished, is, that excellent regulation of our venerable Father, Mr. Wesley, viz.:—the Weekly Class Money, and the Quarterage. One penny per week, and tenpence per quarter, from each member, would, with the Yearly and Education Collection, fully meet all our wants, prevent the recurrence of our applications for your aid from year to year; and, thereby, no brother, not the poorest amongst us, would be aggrieved. Thus, suppose you have 500 members on your Circuit, at tenpence per member per quarter, your quarterage would amount to £20 16s. 8d.—Now, again suppose, that you have

	£	s.	d.
2 Preachers, at £4 6s. 8d. per quarter ...	8	13	4
1 Wife at do. do. ...	4	6	8
4 Children's Maintenance at 20s. per Quarter	4	6	8
1 Child's Education, at £2 3s. 4d. per Quarter	2	3	4
Allowances for extra expenses	1	6	8
	£20	16	8

From this case we see, that with the additional Class money, and the Yearly and Education Collections, there would be raised a sum adequate to meet all the probable expenditure of your own and other Circuits, such as rent and taxes, fire and candles, &c. And whether your number be more or less, this prudent and truly Methodistical plan,

would apply, in a greater or less degree, on each Circuit so as to serve the interests of the whole.

Our love for you, dear brethren, would forbid our urging these things upon your attention, were not our difficulties great, and our plan of meeting those difficulties, now laid before you, the long and approved plan of Wesleyan Methodism.

We rejoice in the Lord, that however we have felt our inconvenience in temporal things, his presence has been with us in all our meetings during the Conference, in a measure and manner seldom experienced; and while our hearts have glowed with gratitude for past and present mercies, we devoutly resolved, in the name of the Lord to dedicate ourselves, our lives, our all to Him, who has counted us worthy, and put us into this ministry.

Persuaded of your love, and having the fullest confidence in your zealous and affectionate co-operation, we are dear brethren, yours in the Lord.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

JABEZ BUNTING, *President.*
ANDREW HAMILTON, JUN. *Secretary.*

Dublin, July, 11, 1821.

DUBLIN, Friday, July 5th, 1822.

Q. 1. What Preachers are this year ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. Richard Taylor Tracy, John Frazer Mathews, Alexander Mackey.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. Thomas Ballard.

He has travelled three years.

John Holmes.

He has travelled two years.

Henry Benson, William Guard, John Feely, Matthew Lanktree, jun., James Lamb.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preacher has been RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

A. John Wilson.

Q. 4. What Preacher has DIED since the last Conference?

A. GEORGE BROWN, aged seventy-two. Fifty years since he was made acquainted with God his Saviour: and for upwards of forty-three years, he walked "in the light of the Lord," witnessing that "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from all sin." He travelled thirty years in our Connexion, preaching the whole "truth as it is in Jesus," and living as he preached. He was, living and dying, a fair picture of christian simplicity and sincerity, and of that "perfect love which casteth out all fear."

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?

A. As follows, viz:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	Samuel Steele, Henry Deery, Wm. Richey; Thos. Wade Doolittle, Editor and Book-Steward; Wm. Smith, Supernumerary, Jno. Kerr, Wm. Ferguson, James M'Keown, Superannuated.
2	*Longford and Oldcastle,*	James Stuart, John Clendinnen: Richard Price, Superannuated.
3	*Drogheda,*	William Stewart, John Rogers.
4	*Castleblayney,*	Robert Strong, Thomas Ballard.
5	*Wicklow,*	Wm. Armstrong, Richard Phillips; Robert Carson, Supernumerary, Alex. Moore, Superannuated.

SAMUEL STEELE, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6	*Waterford,*	John Stuart, Andrew Taylor; Wm. Copeland, Supernumerary.
7	*Clonmel,*	Francis Russell.

8 *Carlow*, William Douglas, Robert Bruce.
9 *Newtownbarry*, William Crook, John Waugh.

JOHN STUART, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

10 *Cork*, Matthew Tobias, Samuel Harpur; Danl. M'Mullen, Superannuated.
11 *Bandon*, Thos. Waugh, Alexander Mackey; Andw. Hamilton, Supernumerary.
12 *Skibbereen*, Samuel Kyle.
13 *Mallow*, Richard Taylor Tracy.

MATTHEW TOBIAS, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

14 *Limerick*, John Howe, James Olliffe.
15 *Milltown*, John Carey.
16 *Roscrea*, Samuel Wood, John Hill; Michael Murphy, Superannuated.
17 *Cloughjordan*, James Johnston; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
18 *Mountrath*, Gust. Armstrong, Saml. Downing; James M'Kee, Supernumerary.

SAMUEL WOOD, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

19 *Tullamore*, Andrew Hamilton, Robert Banks; John Clegg, Jas. Sterling, Supernumeraries.
20 *Castlebar*, John Hadden, James Calcutt Pratt.
21 *Ballina*, Edward Johnston; Wm. M'Cornock, Supernumerary.
22 *Sligo*, George Stephenson, John Holmes.

ANDREW HAMILTON, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

23 *Clones & Cavan* Samuel M'Dowell, Robert Wilson; James Smith, William Gilcriest, Supernumeraries; John Wiggins, Superannuated.

24	*Boyle and Killeshandra*	Charles M'Cormick, Wm. Foote; King Barton, Superannuated.
25	*Monaghan and Aughnacloy,*	David Waugh, William Pollock; Thos. Barber, Wm. Armstrong, Superannuated.

DAVID WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

26	*Enniskillen and Brookborough*	Edw. Hazelton, John Remmington, John Armstrong; Robert Crozier, Supernumerary.
27	*Manorhamillon,*	James Irwin, Joseph Edgerton; Wm. Hamilton, Superannuated.
28	*Ballyshannon,*	William Finley.
29	*Irvinestown,*	John Nesbitt, Castor Clements.

EDWARD HAZELTON, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

30	*Londonderry and Strabane,*	Daniel Pedlow, George M'Elwain; Fras. Armstrong, Supernumerary.
31	*Newtownlimavaddy,*	Archibald Campbell.
32	*Newtownstewart,*	Wm. Kidd, John Foster; Matthew Stuart, John M'Arthur, Superannuated.

DANIEL PEDLOW, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

33	*Belfast.*	Chas. Mayne, John Frazer Mathews; Blakely Dowling, Supernumerary.
34	*Donaghadee and Newtownards*	Alexander Sturgeon, James Lamb.
35	*Downpatrick.*	Michael Burrows.
36	*Carrickfergus.*	William Keys, William Guard.
37	*Coleraine.*	James Rutledge, John Wilson; John Dinnen, Supernumerary.
38	*Lisburn.*	Thomas Ridgeway, James Carter.

CHARLES MAYNE, *Chairman of the District.*

X. The Newry District.

39	*Newry,*	John Crozier Irvine, Joshua Harman; Thomas Brown, Supernumerary.
40	*Dungannon,*	George Burrows, John Jebb.
41	*Armagh and Charlemont*	Robt. Cranston, Matt. Lanktree, jun.
42	*Lurgan,*	Archd. Murdock, Robt Masaroon; John Malcomson, Superannuated.
43	*Tanderagee,*	John Nelson, Edward Cobain; Zachariah Worrell, Supernum.; Jno. Wilson, sen. Superannuated.

Archibald Murdoch, *Chairman of the District.*

Missionary Stations.

Missionaries who preach or teach in the Irish language.

1	*General Missionaries,*	Gideon Ouseley, John Feely.
2	*County of Wexford,*	Charles Graham.
3	*County of Kilkenny,*	James Bell.
4	*Youghal, & County of Waterford,*	Thomas Lougheed.
5	*South Cork,*	Henry Benson.
6	*Kilrush,*	William Cornwall.
7	*County of Kerry,*	Francis Stephens.
	Letters to be directed to Tralee.	
8	*Counties of Clare & Tipperary,*	George Hansbrow.
9	*County of Galway,*	William Reilly.
10	*Rathmullen,*	Robert Bailey.

Missionaries who preach in English.

1	*Dunmore,*	Arthur Noble.
2	*Killybegs,*	John Campbell.
3	*County of Tyrone,*	Charles M'Cord.
	Letters to be directed to Castlederg.	
4	*Ballymena,*	James M'Cutcheon.
5	*County of Down,*	Matthew Lanktree, sen.
6	*Fews,*	John Hamilton.

N.B.—Letters to be directed as in Minutes of last year, except to the Counties of Kerry and Tyrone Missions.

Q. 7. How many wives are to be provided for this year?

A. Seventy-two.

Q. 8. How are these to be provided for?

A. By their respective Districts, in the following proportions, viz :—

Dublin . .	11	Clones . .	5
Waterford . .	7	Enniskillen . .	7
Cork . .	9	Londonderry .	3
Limerick . .	7	Belfast . .	8
Tullamore . .	6	Newry . .	9

Q. 9. What are the numbers in our Society?

A. As follows, viz :—

Dublin . .	983	Monaghan & Aughnacloy . .	632
Longford & Oldcastle	245	Enniskillen & Brookborough .	1050
Drogheda . .	300	Manorhamilton .	720
Castleblayney .	415	Ballyshannon .	426
Wicklow . .	350	Irvinestown .	1170
Waterford . .	192	Londonderry & Strabane . .	481
Clonmel . .	264	Newtownlimavaddy .	150
Carlow . .	370	Newtownstewart .	810
Newtownbarry .	430	Belfast . .	386
Cork and Cove .	454	Donaghadee .	464
Bandon . .	800	Carrickfergus .	473
Skibbereen . .	273	Downpatrick .	206
Mallow . .	115	Coleraine . .	300
Limerick . .	406	Lisburn . .	327
Millstreet . .	120	Newry . .	407
Rosscrea . .	308	Tullamore . .	330
Clonagh[illegible] .	155	Drogheda . .	300
Mountrath . .	382	Castleblayney .	415
Tullamore . .	200	Dungannon . .	330
Castlebar . .	152	Armagh & Charlemont	414
Ballina . .	351	Lurgan . .	221
Sligo . .	480	Tanderagee . .	120
Boyle . .	305		
Clones and Carna	472		
Killeshandra .	434		

County of Kilkenny	56	Counties of Derry & Antrim	228
Youghal and County Waterford	78	Killybegs	110
Bantry and Skull	59	Rathmullen	200
County of Kerry	38	County of Tyrone	80
County of Clare	60	County of Down	114
County of Galway, including Dunmore Station	121	Fews	67
Ballymoate & Tyrawley	36		22,718

Q. 10. What has been contributed towards the Preachers' Fund?

A. As follows, viz:

	British Currency.				British Currency.		
Dublin	£25	10	7	Killeshandra	1	1	0
Longford & Old-castle	1	0	0	Monaghan and Aughnacloy	1	10	0
Drogheda	5	11	6	Enniskillen and Brookborough	1	1	0
Castleblayney	1	0	0	Manorhamilton	1	1	0
Wicklow	3	0	0	Ballyshannon	1	0	0
Waterford	4	5	0	Irvinestown	1	0	0
Clonmel	4	0	0	Londonderry and Strabane	1	1	0
Carlow	1	1	0	Newtownlimavaddy	1	1	0
Newtownbarry	3	0	0	Newtownstewart	1	1	0
Cork & Cove	10	8	6	Belfast	3	5	0
Bandon	7	8	6	Donaghadee and Newtownards	1	0	0
Skibbereen	1	0	0	Downpatrick	1	0	0
Mallow	1	0	0	Carrickfergus	1	9	6
Limerick	5	4	5	Coleraine	1	3	6
Milltown	1	0	0	Lisburn	2	9	0
Roscrea	2	2	0	Newry	1	2	0
Cloughjordan	1	1	0	Dungannon	2	7	8
Mountrath	1	1	0	Armagh & Charlemont	1	6	6
Tullamore	1	1	0	Lurgan	3	8	0
Castlebar	4	4	0	Tanderagee	4	12	0
Ballina	1	1	0				
Sligo	2	0	0				
Boyle	1	0	0				
Clones & Cavan	1	1	0				

Missions.			
County of Wexford	1	0	0
County of Kilkenny	1	0	0
Youghal & County of Waterford	0	0	0
Bantry & Skull	0	0	0
County of Kerry	1	0	0
County of Clare	1	1	0
County of Galway	1	0	0
Ballymoate and Tyrawley	1	0	0
Counties of Derry & Antrim	0	0	0
Dunmore	1	0	0
Killybegs	1	1	0
Rathmullen	1	1	0
County of Tyrone	0	0	0
County of Down	1	1	0
Fews	0	0	0
Donation from Jas. Hill, Esq.	9	4	7
Mrs. Deeves' Legacy	11	6	6
Lord and Lady Lorton	4	12	4
	157	7	1

N.B.—The above Contributions have been forwarded to the Committee of the Preachers' Fund in England, to be distributed by them in distressing cases among the annuitants.

Q. 11. What has been contributed by the Circuits towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. As follows, viz:

Dublin	£55	14	7
Longford & Oldcastle	3	0	10
Drogheda	9	3	4
Castleblayney	3	0	0
Wicklow	7	14	2
Waterford	6	5	8
Clonmel	3	17	6
Carlow	5	12	6
Newtownbarry	6	13	0
Cork & Cove	9	1	9
Bandon	14	19	6
Skibbereen	1	0	0
Mallow	2	0	0
Limerick	6	12	10
Milltown	1	11	2
Roscrea	8	2	0
Cloughjordan	1	10	0
Mountrath	5	12	0
Tullamore	5	19	0
Castlebar	4	0	0
Ballina	2	0	0
Sligo	5	0	0
Boyle	1	6	9
Clones & Cavan	3	10	0
Killeshandra	1	12	0
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	5	0	0
Enniskillen and Brookborough	3	0	0
Manorhamilton	2	0	0
Ballyshannon	1	15	0
Irvinestown	3	10	6
Londonderry & Strabane	3	1	0
Newtownlimavaddy	1	4	2

Newtownstewart	2	6	2	Armagh & Charlemont	5	0	0
Belfast	13	10	0	Lurgan	6	12	6
Donaghadee	4	0	0	Tanderagee	7	8	6
Downpatrick	1	7	6	Youghal Mission	1	13	5
Carrickfergus	6	18	0	Mrs. Sheil's Legacy	5	8	4
Coleraine	2	1	1				
Lisburn	5	4	8				
Newry	4	16	4				
Dungannon	2	10	1		£263	5	10

N.B.—For the amount of contributions to the Missionary Fund, see the Annual Report of the Hibernian Methodist Missionary Society for the present year.

Q. 12. What is the result of the inquiries which were made concerning the plan recommended by several respectable friends, for providing the usual allowance made for the maintenance and education of the children of the Preachers on the different Circuits?

A. 1. Let every District be considered responsible for providing within itself, and by its own local resources, quarterly allowances for such a number of Preachers' children, as shall be found, on annual examination and calculation to be fairly chargeable on the Circuits belonging to that District, according to the principle of proportion to numbers in Society.

2. That when the number of childrens' allowances, to be provided in each District collectively, has been ascertained, those allowances shall afterwards be annually divided among the several Circuits of that District; and every Circuit shall be responsible for the sum so allotted to it, as its equitable share of this part of the general expenditure of our Connexion, and shall be expected to furnish that sum by quarterly instalments.

3. That, although, in ascertaining the number of childrens' allowances to be charged on every District, the number of members is to be the sole principle of calculation, it is recommended, that in providing for the education of the Preachers' children, among the several Circuits which compose that District, the number of members shall not be considered as the leading principle on which the *division shall be made*; the comparative circumstances o

the Circuits, in other respects, shall be taken into the account, and allowed to modify the application of the general principle of numbers: so that the more burdened Circuits may, as much as possible, be relieved by others in the same District, and the whole quota for each District be always raised within itself.

4. That the Circuit Stewards of every Circuit shall be expected to pay the regular allowances for children's maintenance and education, by quarterly instalments, to those Preachers, stationed for the time being in their Circuit, who are entitled to receive such allowances, according to the present regulations.

5. That it is expedient, in order to promote the universal adoption and success of this plan, that a special Financial District Meeting shall be held, soon after the termination of the present Conference, in every District, consisting of such Preachers as can most conveniently attend, (the Superintendent, at least of every Circuit,) and also of the Circuit-Stewards throughout the District, whose presence as the official financial representatives of their several Circuits, shall be most earnestly requested. The place of meeting shall be determined by the Chairman, and the time of meeting shall not be later than the last week of August. The Preachers and Stewards, thus assembled, shall fix, definitively, for the year ensuing, what part of the amount of the children's maintenance and education, charged on their District collectively, shall be provided by each Circuit individually; and shall choose a local Treasurer for this Fund, who shall act in the District for which he is so appointed, until the next Annual District Meeting, at which time he must be re-elected, or a successor appointed.

6. That the number of children having claims for maintenance, in Ireland, at present appear to be 176, and the number for education 85. The number of members to meet those claims are 21,381, not calculating on 1337 on the Missionary Stations. On the principle of numbers 120 should provide the allowance for one child, and so on in regular proportion; and, according to the circumstances of the people, the amount for education is to be laid on, granting to each Circuit its regular Education Collection to *assist in meeting this demand.* On these principles, as nearly

as possible, the following statement has been drawn up, which shews the number for maintenance and education to be provided for, by each District, for the year 1822–23.

Districts	Members	Maintenance of Children.	Education of Children.
Dublin,	2283	20	26
Waterford,	1256	10	7
Cork,	1756	15	9
Limerick	1373	11	8
Tullamore,	1647	12	6
Clones & Cavan	1478	12	3
Enniskillen	3366	28	4
Londonderry & Strabane	1441	12	2
Belfast,	2856	24	11
Newry,	3906	32	9

Q. 13. What method shall we adopt to ensure freedom from debt in future years, as it respects the general Fund arising from the Yearly Collection?

A. The Conference, having no means of assisting those Circuits, which cannot wholly bear their own expenses, but by dispensing the sum, which is annually contributed to the Yearly Collection, and augmented by the profits of our Book concern, are obliged to resolve, that their grants to deficient Circuits, shall in future, be limited, as nearly as possible, to the probable amount of the sum, thus placed from year to year at their disposal; so that the expenditure may not usually or materially exceed the estimated income of the Connexion.

And in order to carry this point, in some measure, into operation, the Conference feels itself under the imperative necessity to say, that they have their fears, that if the amount of the Yearly Collection, in any District, for the ensuing year, shall fall short of its former amount, a correspondent deduction must be made from the grants to such District in the following year.

After examining the probable income of the ensuing year, on the one hand, and the comparative necessities of each District on the other, the Conference unanimously came to the following conclusions, which are now printed, for

the information and direction of the Circuits, and of the District-meetings, viz:—

The Yearly Collection of 1823, may, it is hoped, amount to	£530
The profits of the Book-room	320
	£850

This sum the Conference has allotted to the several Districts, in the proportions specified in the following list; which proportion of the general income, the Financial District-meetings to be held in August, are at liberty to subdivide among their respective Circuits, according to their circumstances, to assist them to meet all demands for quarterage of the Preachers and their wives, maintenance and education of their children, rent, taxes, coals, candles, &c. &c.

The Dublin District may divide a sum not exceeding	£46
Waterford Do.	96
Cork Do.	96
Limerick Do.	96
Tullamore Do.	86
Clones Do.	66
Enniskillen Do.	86
Londonderry and Strabane Do. . . .	86
Belfast Do.	96
Newry Do.	96
	850

Q. 14. What can be done to promote education among the poor in Ireland?

A. The Conference, after due deliberation, feeling the importance of the work, have appointed two brethren to prepare a plan for its greater extension; in which they hope for the countenance and co-operation of all our friends.

Q. 15. What can be done to promote the work of God in this country?

A. On the morning following the receiving of the Preachers into full connexion, the Conference, deeply impressed with the solemn feelings of that occasion, were led to review the state of the work of God in Ireland, and the most probable means of furthering it amongst our Societies. In general conversation upon various subjects, it was recommended, that, as Ministers, we should, in deep humility, and unreserved devotion, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, give ourselves up to God, and to his work; and that, to this end, we should attend more faithfully, and laboriously than ever, to preaching in the open air, meeting the classes in the country Societies frequently, likewise the Societies in cities and large towns, visiting our people from house to house, rendering our leaders' meetings more useful and spiritual, inviting strangers to attend the preaching of the word of God, and the ordinances of his grace amongst us, distributing and lending cheap and religious tracts among the poor and ignorant of the people, and also, establishing local schools through Ireland, under the immediate patronage of the Methodist Connexion.

These subjects were considered with the best feelings; and, at no period in the remembrance of the older brethren, did a more gracious and blessed influence of God rest upon our souls.

Q. 16. What additional regulations are resolved upon respecting the Building and Chapel Fund?

A. All monies collected for the above Fund, shall be paid by the Superintendents of the several Circuits to the Chairman at the Annual District Meeting, to be paid by him to the General Treasurer of the Fund, at their meeting immediately previous to the Conference. And all claims for grants must come recommended by the District Committees.

Q. 17. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, William Smith, Samuel Steele, Matthew Tobias, John Stuart, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and the Dublin Preachers for the time being.

Q. 18. Who is our Representative to the British Conference?

A. Samuel Wood, accompanied by William Stewart.

Q. 19. When shall the different Committees meet, previously to the sitting of the ensuing Conference?

A. The Chairmen of Districts, on Tuesday, June 21st; The Stationing Committee, on Wednesday, 22nd; The Building and Chapel Fund Committee, on Thursday, the 23rd. The above Committees shall meet each morning at 6 o'clock, A.M.

Q. 20. Who are the Building and Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, John Stuart, Samuel Steele, Henry Deery, Chas. Mayne, Samuel Wood, George Stephenson, Robert Banks, Francis Russell, Thomas Waugh; together with ten Brethren, (not being travelling Preachers), who shall be chosen by their respective Districts, according to the regulations published in the Minutes of 1820.

Q. 17. What preaching-houses are to be built this year?

A. One in Kingscourt; one in Castleblayney; one in Rathdrum; one in Castlereagh; and one in Moira.

Q. 22. What plan can the Conference adopt, for more effectually promoting Sunday Schools in connexion with the Methodist body?

A. The Conference unanimously agree to form a Committee, consisting of five friends, who are members of our Society in Dublin, and one from each District in the kingdom, with an equal number of Preachers, including the Preachers stationed from time to time in the Dublin Circuit; the Superintendent of the Dublin Circuit being the Chairman of the Committee.

2. The Committee shall be designated, "The General Committee, for raising and encouraging Wesleyan Methodist Sunday Schools in Ireland."

3. The Committee shall appoint from their own body, a Treasurer and a Secretary.

4. All the Schools which are now formed, or which may hereafter be formed, among the Methodists in this kingdom, shall be under the direction of the friends who are members of our Society, the Superintendent of the Circuit always being the Chairman of the Committee.

5. The Committee shall endeavour, to the utmost of

THE YEARLY COLLECTION, WITH THE DEMANDS TO BE PAID OUT OF IT.

CIRCUITS.	Yearly Collection.	Surplus of Wives' Money	Deficiency of Salary.	Deficiency of Wives' Money	Rent and Taxes.	Fire and Candles.	Furniture and Repairs.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 Dublin	90 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 Longford and Oldcastle	4 2 0	...	20 11 10	13 0 0	3 0 0	8 9 6	...
3 Drogheda	25 5 10	6 10 0	5 19 11	...	...	8 7 1	...
4 Castleblayney	3 6 0	...	14 14 0	10 16 8	6 19 6	5 8 6	...
5 Wicklow	12 15 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
6 Waterford	18 2 8	...	27 8 3	17 6 8	...	11 6 6	...
7 Clonmel	10 8 0	...	6 19 0	...	11 7 6	7 11 6	...
8 Carlow	12 17 0	...	9 4 10	17 6 8	19 2 0	10 14 6	2 16 6
9 Newtownbarry	14 12 1	...	14 9 1	13 0 0	1 15 9	12 15 2	...
10 Cork and Cove	50 13 3	...	...	8 13 4	...	...	...
11 Bandon	30 1 2	17 6 8	15 4 6	...	...	...	...
12 Skibbereen	9 10 0	...	10 0 8	6 10 0	13 0 0	4 0 0	...
13 Mallow	7 0 0	10 0 0	13 17 3	...	...	...	...
14 Limerick	11 5 5	...	4 7 6*	...	30 10 0	12 0 0	1 0 0
15 Milltown	6 6 9	10 16 8	11 2 3	...	...	...	...
16 Roscrea	12 6 8	8 13 4	5 0 0	...	...	6 16 6	2 15 5

* Country part of the Circuit.

THE YEARLY COLLECTION WITH THE DEMANDS TO BE PAID OUT OF IT.

CIRCUITS.	Yearly Collection.	Surplus of Wives' Money.	Deficiency of Salary.	Deficiency of Wives' Money	Rent and Taxes.	Fire and Candles.	Furniture and Repairs.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
17 Cloughjordan	5 2 0	...	..	...	...	5 12 0	...
18 Mountrath	9 0 0	13 0 0	32 9 1	...	11 7 6	5 5 0	1 11 3
19 Tullamore	10 13 0	4 6 8	25 17 10	...	17 1 0	9 8 0	...
20 Castlebar	7 7 9	2 3 4	19 7 8	...	...	9 8 10	...
21 Ballina	5 2 1	...	...	...	...	4 18 5	...
22 Sligo	10 0 0	3 10 0	...	...	...	...	...
23 Boyle	4 0 0	...	29 19 4	...	10 0 0	5 15 0	...
24 Clones & Cavan	4 6 8	...	10 2 6	28 16 6	14 2 0	10 10 0	3 6 6
25 Killeshandra	3 0 0	...	13 2 0	...	2 0 0	6 14 0	0 8 0
26 Monaghan & Aughnacloy	11 2 6	...	...	8 13 4	10 7 0	8 4 0	...
27 Enniskillen & Brookborough	8 16 3	...	...	17 6 8	8 11 0	8 4 11	...
28 Manorhamilton	5 10 0	...	11 8 9	8 13 4	3 0 0	8 16 8	...
29 Ballyshannon	3 4 6	...	16 6 4	..	4 17 6	5 6 6	...
30 Irvinestown	7 1 6	...	8 11 7	...	...	8 8 6	...
31 Londonderry & Strabane	5 0 0	4 6 8	4 5 6	...	7 5 0	7 0 0	...

THE YEARLY COLLECTION WITH THE DEMANDS TO BE PAID OUT OF IT.

CIRCUITS.	Yearly Collection.	Surplus of Wives' Money.	Deficiency of Salary.	Deficiency of Wives' Money	Rent and Taxes.	Fire and Candles.	Furniture and Repairs.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
32 Newtownlimavaddy.....	1 8 6	...	13 10 0	10 16 8	...	...	...
33 Newtownstewart	5 18 1	...	5 3 7	13 0 0	7 2 6	11 10 0	...
34 Belfast	11 5 6	4 6 8	...	...	...	...	...
35 Donaghadee & Newtownards.	5 0 0	...	8 8 0	...	18 7 6	8 17 0	1 13 4
36 Downpatrick.....	3 0 0	...	8 11 6	10 16 8	7 0 0	4 15 0	...
37 Carrickfergus	1 0 0	...	...	17 6 8	10 6 0	4 14 0	0 10 0
38 Coleraine	5 4 3	...	14 6 6	13 0 0	...	7 17 3	...
39 *Lisburn	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40 Newry.....	6 11 6	...	7 6 0	15 3 4	15 0 0	9 13 0	1 10 0
41 Dungannon	5 0 9	4 6 8	...	...	..	5 12 6	...
42 Armagh & Charlemont..	7 0 0	4 6 8	...	...	...	6 19 0	...
43 Lurgan	40 0 0	21 13 4	...	...	...	...	...
44 *Tanderagee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	509 7 2	115 6 6	380 15 0	225 6 6	231 3 5	239 17 10	15 11 3

* No Yearly Collection—all demands on the Circuit having been paid.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

1822 CONFERENCE, DR.	£	s.	d.
To Yearly Collection	509	7	2
„ Education do.	263	10	10
„ Surplus of Wives' Money	115	6	6
„ Donations	115	0	0
„ Cash from the British Conference, towards the education of the Preachers' children	216	10	0
„ Cash from the Subscription of the English Preachers, including donations of a few Friends	459	15	8
„ Cash from Friends in Leeds, by the President	43	6	8
„ Remainder of Extra Collection from Monaghan Circuit, for 1821 ...	3	6	0
„ Relinquishments of the Preachers ...	547	10	0
„ Cash borrowed, to be paid by equal instalments in two years ...	792	17	3
	3066	10	1

CONFERENCE, CR. 1822	£	s.	d.
By Deficiencies of Preachers' Salaries ...	380	15	0
„ do of Wives' Salaries ...	225	6	6
„ do of Rent and Taxes ...	231	3	5
„ do of Fire and Candles ...	239	17	10
„ do of Furniture and Repairs	15	11	3
„ Maintenance of Children	754	0	0
„ Education of Children	728	0	0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	491	16	1
	3066	10	1

The Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very dear Fathers and Brethren,

To us it is not grievous to renew the cordial assurances of our mutual esteem and affection, inasmuch as we are persuaded in our hearts, that we are united in one faith, and serve one Lord Jesus Christ, "who is over all, God blessed for ever."

For you we feel the affection of gratitude, as well as of esteem, in that we cannot forget the work of your fathers and our fathers, by whose evangelical ministry, our country was, in the former days, awakened from her sleep of formal stupidity, and raised from her death of sins and trespasses. One gospel was then the bond of our communion, and, thanks be to God, we still stand fast in the same profession of the truth, and walk by the same rule.

The devout recognition of our union with you, in all things essential to Wesleyan Methodism, not only affords the delightful feeling of brotherhood, but, to us, has been a hiding-place in the storm, and our defence in the day of evil.

Never did the uncorrupted doctrines of our venerable Founder, the admirable discipline which he instituted, and the legal bond of our ministerial union, appear more worthy of our best judgment, or more acceptable to our hearts, than at this moment; and, beholding your Body in the amiable and venerable representatives of your Conference, now with us, whose wisdom, zeal, and devotion, we shall never cease to admire, we trust, that it will ever be our rejoicing, to continue partakers of your faith, and imitators of your zeal, and, finally, that we shall be sharers with you in felicity and glory.

The progress of true christianity has been ever slow in Ireland. Ignorance, prejudice in favour of old superstitions, levity and violence of temper, the domination of priestcraft, and other causes, have operated to obstruct

the course of the word of God; yet, notwithstanding all the hindrances, thousands have been brought to know and feel the salvation of Christ.

The grateful news from across the Atlantic, the spread of the Gospel amongst the heathen nations, and the blessed openings of a revival on your side of the water, excite a holy jealousy in our hearts, a longing after outpourings of the Spirit from above, and an encouraging hope, that, yet a little while, and our God will come and revive us also.

We always profit by your advice and example, and having marked your inquiry into the probable means of reviving and extending the work of God, we feel resolved to pursue that active, vigilant, and faithful plan adopted by you; that we may imbibe your spirit, and emulate your labour; and that we may see, at no distant period, our afflicted and benighted country, covered with a glory like that which rests upon your hill of Zion.

Our temporal embarrassments have become, not only inconvenient, but oppressive; and it is only by an humble confidence in the all-sufficient Jehovah, that we are preserved from those fears by which we should otherwise be overwhelmed; and yet, in all our sufferings we can say, "O Lord of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee."

Your loyal and affectionate Address to our Sovereign the King, met our most hearty concurrence; for, in faithful attachment to our Rulers, and in obedience to all legal authorities, the Wesleyan Methodists of Ireland yield to no body of Christians in the British Empire. The distinguished and loyal care of our Societies in this country, has tended much to prevent illicit trading, and to correct political disaffection; and we are resolved to continue in the same line of conduct in all things, fearing God and honouring the King.

We feel ourselves bound to return you our most unfeigned thanks for the visit of our beloved President, and of his faithful companion Brother Entwisle; and we believe, the remembrance of their love towards us, their blessed ministrations in the word and doctrine, their kind and gentle spirit, their faith, their zeal, their prayers with us and for us, will never be forgotten.

We regret most sensibly the unavoidable circumstan which prevent the long-expected visit of our esteer Brother Newton; but we look forward with an eager h which we trust will be realised at some future and c venient time.

We send you as our representative, Brother He Deery, and as his companion Brother Tobias; than wh we have no men more faithful, or more worthy of affection, or of your confidence. We know you will ceive them in the Lord.

Finally, fathers and brethren, being most fully persua that all our future success depends upon the operatio God's Holy Spirit, we are resolved to remove far fro everything that would grieve that Holy Spirit of our G to exercise ourselves, more than ever, in all holy du in labours, in fastings, in prayers; and to expect, and with a strong desire, a gracious outpouring of the prom blessing upon our societies, our congregations, and selves. We are persuaded that nothing can more eff ually suppress opposing bigotry, than the spirit of l nothing can more encourage hope, than the spiri prayer; and nothing can more excite the spirit of zeal, than entire devotedness to God; we are therefor solved, in the name of the Lord, whose we are, and wh we serve, to give ourselves wholly to these things; "for Zion's sake we will not hold our peace, and Jerusalem's sake we will not rest, until the righteous thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation there a lamp that burneth."

Wishing, dear fathers and brethren, that all grace peace may rest upon you, in all your labours and con tations, we commend you to your Father and our Fat to your God and our God.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Irish Conference,

ANDREW HAMILTON, JUN., *Secre*

Dublin, July 11th, 1821.

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address from the Irish Conference.

Very Dear Brethren,

It is with great pleasure we embrace every opportunity of strengthening the bonds of that union which has hitherto subsisted between us; an union founded in a belief of the same doctrines, an experience of the same truths, and an attention to "the same things," and which can be perpetuated only by the love "of God our Saviour."

We cannot but deeply sympathize with you, under your present embarrassments and sufferings. To be poor and afflicted, is, however, a very frequent characteristic of the state of the Church of God; and we have almost invariably beheld, that, in proportion as a tide of wealth has flowed into the Church, the flood-gates of pride and worldliness have been thrown open. While serious christians should guard against being too much elated in seasons of prosperity, it equally becomes them to possess their souls in patience, in the hour of adversity, and to repose an unshaken confidence in the Lord, who, while He provides for the spiritual welfare of His Church by the abundant effusions of His grace, will not, in the order of His providence, be unmindful of its temporal necessities.

Aware, however, that the Most High works by means, and that we must call forth our own resources, before we can reasonably expect foreign aid, we cannot but express our earnest hope, that the members of our society in Ireland will make it a subject of serious consideration, whether all the exertions have been made, to support the christian ministry, and to promote the domestic comforts of their preachers, which equity dictates, and God commands. Should any of your difficulties originate in the want of due consideration and energy among any of those to whom the Lord says, "The labourer is worthy of his hire," we trust, that henceforth, in proportion as Providence has blest and honoured them with the means, they

will accomplish all His purposes, and act as faithful stewards of every temporal blessing.

Though we were led to express ourselves last year, in the language of regret, in consequence of a declension in our number, the Great Head of the Church has been graciously pleased to turn our mourning into joy. The advices published in our last Minutes have had the most happy influence on the body at large. Our quarterly fasts have been better observed; new prayer meetings have been established; preaching abroad has been more generally attended to; new places have been visited by the ministry of the Gospel; and as a more rigid adherence to our good old rules became visible, a larger effusion of the spirit of their great work and calling came upon preachers and people, the result of which has been a glorious harvest of immortal souls.

Should the same energies be more abundantly than ever aroused among you, and the same means perseveringly adopted by you, which God has thus signalized with his special blessing among us, we doubt not that glorious effects will sooner or later follow in Ireland, similar to those which have occasioned such joy in England. As in temporal, so in spiritual concerns, "the hand of the diligent maketh rich." There is, in Methodism, every thing calculated to benefit the world; and such is its economy, that every talent with which our Preachers and members are favoured, may be easily and regularly brought into full exercise, for the advantage of others.

We have not only to rejoice in our spiritual prosperity at home, but in our success abroad. The truly apostolic labours of our Missionaries have been generally owned of God; and our people, not satisfied with supporting that ministry of the Gospel, under the sound of which they themselves sit in their own land, have, with a zeal perfectly christian, and a liberality reflecting the highest honour on their piety, come cheerfully forward to support these valuable men in their arduous work. Christianity is a system of humanity, which leads to acts of kindness and benevolence; it carries us out of ourselves; and wherever we find an object of distress, there we ought to fix the home of charity, till that object is relieved.

It is with gratitude to the Author of all good, that we reflect on our exalted privileges, both civil and religious. Such is the liberty which we enjoy, and in the exercise of which we are protected by "the higher powers," that we can freely indulge the spirit of christianity, in "good will towards men," in the demonstration of every generous feeling which our religion excites, and in the execution of every pious design to which it gives rise, by the prudent application of all those means of usefulness which we at any time possess.

That increasing success may attend our religious exertions, we firmly purpose, through the almighty grace of Him who says, "Lo! I am with you always," to persevere in "well-doing," and especially to pay a continued attention to the advices recorded in the Minutes of our last Conference. Our ardent prayer to God is, that he would make you also "a thousand times more" than you now are, and that, during the course of the year, we may have mutual cause to rejoice in each other's prosperity.

The Conference has received with its wonted kindness, and with increased affection, your representatives, our dear brethren, Messrs. Deery and Tobias, whose zeal and faithfulness in your cause, deserve your gratitude, and the continuance of your confidence, as they have our approbation.

We have appointed our beloved President and Secretary to visit Ireland the next year, for the purpose of attending your Conference, and of preaching to as many of your societies as their duty to their own Circuits will permit. We doubt not that their labours of love will be acceptable and useful there, as they have long been in this country.

And now to God's gracious care and fatherly protection we commit you. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and give you peace."

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

THOMAS JACKSON, *Sub-Secretary.*

Manchester, August 6th, 1821.

The Address of the Irish Conference to the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers of the Religious Societies in Ireland, originally founded by the Rev. John Wesley, A.M. and now in full connexion with the Conference of the People called Methodists, established by him in England, beg leave most humbly to offer to your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations on your happy arrival in this part of your dominions; an event which is justly considered as most auspicious in its influence on this portion of the British Empire, and which is hailed with feelings of unbounded satisfaction and gratitude by every class and description of your Irish people.

We take this opportunity of tendering to your Majesty the cordial assurances of our undeviating attachment to your sacred person, to the illustrious house of Hanover, and to the unrivalled constitution of our country. Instructed by the Scriptures, to "Honour the King," as well as to "Fear God," we abhor and detest all principles of disloyalty; and, as far as our influence may extend among those of your Majesty's subjects, who are under our pastoral care, we shall continue, by our constant teaching, advice, and example, to discountenance sedition and disorder, in all their forms, and strongly to enforce a cheerful subjection to the laws, and to all civil authorities, constituted by the state. In these sentiments and purposes, we are confirmed, not only by the deep-rooted feelings of our own hearts, and by our views of moral duty, but also by the uniform example of the Founder of our Societies, and by that of our brethren in England, in whose repeated expressions of Christian loyalty, made on behalf of the whole body of Wesleyan Methodists, in every part of the Empire, we have always most entirely and zealously concurred.

In the prosecution of our humble labours for the ad-

vancement of religion and virtue, we have had frequent occasion to notice the protection which we have received from the Magistracy of our country, and from those who have exercised, from time to time, the authorities of your Majesty's Government in Ireland; and we feel it our duty, gratefully to acknowledge the privileges which we thus enjoy, and to pray, that Almighty God, "who giveth salvation to Kings," may have your Majesty in His constant care and keeping; that His wisdom may direct all your Majesty's councils, for the benefit of your people and of the world at large; that it may please Him to grant to your Majesty a long, happy, and prosperous reign; and that at last, full of years, and full of blessings, you may be admitted into His everlasting Kingdom, and receive a crown of righteousness that fadeth not away.

Signed by order, and on behalf of the Methodist Ministers of Ireland, as directed at their Annual Conference, held in Whitefriar-street Chapel, at Dublin, this 11th day of July, 1821.

JABEZ BUNTING, *President.*

(Transmitted by the Rev. Matthew Tobias, and the Rev. Charles Mayne. Presented by Viscount Sidmouth.)

THE FOLLOWING POLITE ANSWER HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

Phœnix Park, Aug. 20, 1821.

GENTLEMEN,

I have had the honour of laying before the King the loyal and dutiful Address of the Methodist Ministers of Ireland, which you transmitted to me on the 18th of August, and I have the satisfaction of acquainting you that his Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient humble Servant,

SIDMOUTH.

The Rev. M. Tobias and the Rev. C. Mayne.

subject of
in his seventeenth year;
conviction of his

need of that change to the instrumentality of the pointed and faithful ministry of one of our Irish Missionaries.

He commenced his itinerant labours in 1806, and travelled, with great acceptance and usefulness, in every Circuit where he was stationed, until 1819; when, by ill health, he was obliged to desist. He settled with his family in Waterford, where it pleased the Great Head of the Church, by means of a violent fever, to call him to his eternal rest. After suffering much in his last illness, which he endured with great patience, expressing his resignation to the will, and confidence in the favour of God, he quietly fell asleep in Jesus, on Sunday morning, September 22nd, 1822, in the forty-first year of his age. His last words were, "I know Christ, and him crucified." "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?

A. As follows, viz:

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	Samuel Steele, William Stewart, William Richey; Thomas W. Doolittle, Book-Steward; William Smith, John Clegg, Supernumeraries; John Kerr, William Ferguson, James McKeown, Superannuated.
2	*Longford,*	Robert Bruce, Joshua Harman; Richard Price, Superannuated.
3	*Drogheda,*	George Stephenson, Andw. Taylor.
4	*Castleblayney,*	Robert Strong, John Clendinnen; John Wiggins, Superannuated.
5	*Wicklow,*	William Douglas, Richard Phillips; Robert Carson, Supernumerary; Alexander Moore, Superannuated.

SAMUEL STEELE, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6	*Waterford,*	Thomas Waugh, John Rogers.

7 *Clonmel*, Francis Russell.
8 *Carlow*, Gustavus Armstrong, James Olliffe.
9 *Newtownbarry*, William Crook, James Stuart.
GUSTAVUS ARMSTRONG, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

10 *Cork*, Matthew Tobias, John F. Mathews; Daniel M'Mullen, Superannuated.
11 *Bandon*, Henry Deery, Matthew Lanktree, jun.; Andrew Hamilton, sen., Supernumerary.
12 *Skibbereen*, John Holmes.
13 *Mallow*, Thomas Ballard.
HENRY DEERY, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

14 *Limerick*, John Howe, John Carey.
15 *Milltown*, William Foote.
16 *Roscrea*, Samuel Wood, Richard T. Tracy; Michael Murphy, Superannuated.
17 *Cloughjordan*, James Johnston; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
18 *Mountrath*, Samuel Downing, Fossey Tackaberry; James M'Kee, Supernumerary.
SAMUEL WOOD, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

19 *Tullamore*, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Robt. Banks; James Sterling, Superannuated.
20 *Castlebar*, John Hadden, James C. Pratt.
21 *Ballina*, Edward Johnston; Wm. M'Cornock, Supernumerary.
22 *Sligo*, Samuel Harpur, John Wilson.
ANDREW HAMILTON, JUN., *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

23 *Clones & Cavan*, Samuel M'Dowell. Robert Wilson; Wm. Gilcriest, Supernumerary.

24 *Boyle & Killeshandra*, John Waugh, James Lamb; Chas. M'Cormick, Supernumerary; King Barton, Superannuated.

25 *Monaghan & Aughnacloy*, George Burrows, John Armstrong; John Jebb, Supernumerary; Thomas Barber, William Armstrong, Superannuated.

GEORGE BURROWS, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

26 *Enniskillen & Brookborough*, James Rutledge, William Pollock, Henry Price; Robert Crozier, Superannuated.

27 *Manorhamilton*, James Irwin, John Haire; William Hamilton, Supernumerary.

28 *Ballyshannon*, John Crozier Irvine.

29 *Irvinestown*, Edward Hazelton, Castor Clements.

JAMES RUTLEDGE, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

30 *Londonderry & Strabane*, William Kidd, George M'Elwain; Francis Armstrong, James Smith, Supernumeraries.

31 *Newtownlimavaddy*, Archibald Campbell.

32 *Newtownstewart*, John Foster, Joseph Edgerton; Matthew Stuart, John M'Arthur, Superannuated.

WILLIAM KIDD, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

33 *Belfast*, John Stuart, Alexander Mackey; Blakely Dowling, Supernumerary.

34 *Donaghadee and Newtownards*, Alexander Sturgeon, Nathaniel Hobart.

35 *Downpatrick*, Michael Burrows.

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Dublin	1002	Newtownlimavaddy	132
Longford	174	Belfast	404
Drogheda	300	Donaghadeee	450
Castleblayney	420	Carrickfergus	482
Wicklow	320	Downpatrick	200
Waterford	200	Coleraine	339
Clonmel	253	Lisburn	778
Carlow	305	Newry	350
Newtownbarry	397	Dungannon	1007
Cork & Cove	518	Armagh & Charlemont	615
Bandon	875	Lurgan	1090
Skibbereen	330	Tanderagee	950
Mallow	101		
Limerick	378	*Missions.*	
Milltown	120	County Wexford	80
Roscrea	320	County Kilkenny	66
Cloughjordan	148	Youghal and County Waterford	64
Mountrath	370	Kilrush	41
Tullamore	215	County Kerry	35
Castlebar	120	Counties of Clare and Tipperary	87
Ballina	290	County Galway	126
Sligo	687	Rathmullen	114
Clones and Cavan	422	Killybegs	106
Boyle & Killeshandra	626	County Tyrone	90
Monaghan & Aughnacloy	603	Ballymena	216
Enniskillen	1107	County Down	136
Manorhamilton	730	Fews	132
Ballyshannon	314		
Irvinestown	1130		22,039
Londonderry	466		
Newtownstewart	758		

N.B. The deficiency of our numbers has been considerably increased this year by an emigration of nearly 500 members of our Societies from several Circuits. When the state of the country is duly considered, we feel most thankful to God for the present state of our Connexion.

Q. 10. What has been contributed towards the Preachers' Fund?

A. As follows, viz:—

	British Currency. £	s.	d.
Dublin .	26	15	4
Longford & Old-castle.	1	1	0
Drogheda	7	8	0
Castleblayney	1	0	0
Wicklow	3	0	0
Waterford	4	4	0
Clonmel	1	1	0
Carlow .	1	0	0
Newtownbarry	3	10	0
Cork .	19	13	0
Bandon.	7	11	6
Skibbereen			
Mallow.	1	0	0
Limerick	5	2	6
Milltown	1	4	0
Roscrea.	2	0	0
Cloughjordan	1	0	0
Mountrath	1	0	0
Tullamore	1	7	8½
Castlebar	2	2	0
Ballina.	1	7	9
Sligo .	2	6	2
Clones & Cavan.	1	3	6
Boyle & Kille-shandra	1	0	0
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	1	0	0
Enniskillen and Brookborough	1	3	6
Manorhamilton	1	1	0
Ballyshannon	1	0	0
Irvinestown	1	0	0
Londonderry and Strabane	1	0	0
Newtownlimavaddy	1	0	0
Newtownstewart.	1	1	0
Belfast .	4	0	0
Donaghadee and Newtownards	1	1	0
Downpatrick	1	0	0
Carrickfergus	1	0	0
Coleraine	1	1	0
Lisburn	2	8	0
Newry .	1	3	0
Dungannon	3	1	0
Armagh and Charlemont	1	11	3
Lurgan .	3	12	0
Tanderagee	2	0	0
MISSIONS:			
Wexford	1	8	0
Kilkenny	1	0	0
Youghal	1	0	0
South Cork			
Kilrush.	1	0	0
County Kerry	3	0	0
Clare&Tipperary	1	0	0
Galway.	2	8	6
Rathmullen	1	0	0
Killybegs	1	0	0
County Tyrone	1	0	0
Ballymena	1	0	0
Down .	1	1	0
Fews .	1	0	0
	143	17	8½
Donation from Jas. Hill, Esq.	9	4	7
Mrs. Deeves' Legacy	11	8	0
	164	10	3½

N.B.—The above contributions have been forwarded to the Committee of the Merciful Fund in England, to

be distributed by them in distressing cases among the Iri claimants. See the Report of the English Auxiliar Fund.

Q. 11. What has been contributed by the Circui towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin	55	14	0	Newtownlimavaddy	1	0	
Longford	2	14	6	Newtownstewart	1	16	
Drogheda	9	9	0	Belfast	9	11	
Castleblayney	3	10	0	Donaghadee	4	10	
Wicklow	8	6	8	Downpatrick	2	5	
Waterford	6	14	3	Carrickfergus	6	6	
Clonmel	2	12	0	Coleraine	2	10	
Carlow	4	16	1	Lisburn	6	17	
Newtownbarry	6	7	0	Newry	4	12	
Cork and Cove	15	0	0	Dungannon	2	5	4
Bandon	15	0	0	Armagh	6	6	
Skibbereen	...			Lurgan	6	6	
Mallow	6	7	0	Tanderagee	8	0	
Limerick	10	0	7	MISSIONS.			
Milltown	1	19	2	Youghal	1	3	
Roscrea	10	0	0	Kerry	2	3	
Cloughjordan	2	2	0	Galway	2	18	
Mountrath	4	15	7	Wexford	...		
Tullamore	6	1	11½	Kilkenny	...		
Castlebar	4	6	7	Dingle	2	3	
Ballina	2	0	0	Clare	...		
Sligo	5	10	0	Kilrush.	...		
Clones	3	16	0	Rathmullen	...		
Boyle & Killeshandra	...			Dunmore	...		
				Killybegs	...		
Monaghan	4	0	0	Tyrone	0	10	
Enniskillen	3	5	0	Ballymena	...		
Manorhamilton	2	2	0	County Down	...		
Ballyshannon	1	11	10½	Fews	...		
Irvinestown	3	10	6				
Londonderry	3	3	0		275	19	4

N.B.—For the amount of contributions to the Missior ary Fund, see the Annual Report of the Hibernia Methodist Missionary Society for the present year.

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?
A. As follows.

Dublin.	89	0	0
Longford and Oldcastle	2	2	0
Drogheda	25	5	10
Castleblayney	3	18	0
Wicklow	11	2	6
Waterford	16	3	10
Clonmel	7	0	0
Carlow.	11	3	8
Newtownbarry	16	3	1
Cork.	51	8	10
Bandon.	30	1	2
Skibbereen	9	0	0
Mallow.	9	10	0
Limerick	8	5	1
Milltown	9	16	3
Roscrea.	11	1	6
Cloughjordan	4	10	0
Mountrath	6	16	0
Tullamore	10	3	0
Castlebar	8	12	10
Ballina.	5	2	1
Sligo.	10	1	6
Clones & Cavan.	3	17	7
Boyle & Killeshandra	7	1	8
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	8	0	0
Enniskillen and Brookborough	5	15	6
Manorhamilton.	5	12	0
Ballyshannon	1	18	5½
Irvinestown	7	1	6
Londonderry & Strabane	5	4	0
Newtownlimavaddy	0	19	0
Newtownstewart	5	4	9
Belfast.	8	4	4
Donaghadee and Newtownards.	5	0	0
Downpatrick	3	5	0
Carrickfergus		...	
Coleraine	3	12	1½
Lisburn	5	1	8
Newry.	5	1	0
Dungannon	6	17	6
Armagh & Charlemont	7	0	0
Lurgan	7	0	0
Tanderagee	3	0	0
Missions.			
County Wexford.		...	
Kilkenny	8	3	0
Youghal	12	6	10
South Cork		...	
Kilrush.		...	
Dingle.	2	8	8
Clare	5	16	3
Galway.		...	
Rathmullen		...	
Killybegs		...	
Tyrone.	0	10	11
Ballymena	29	5	8
Down		...	
Fews		...	
	519	14	7

Q. 13. How are the Preachers' children to be provided for?

A. The *number of children* having claims for mainten-

The Address of the Irish Conference to the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Ministers of the Religious Societies in Ireland, origina founded by the Rev. John Wesley, A.M. and now in f connexion with the Conference of the People called Meth dists, established by him in England, beg leave m humbly to offer to your Majesty our heartfelt congra lations on your happy arrival in this part of your dor nions; an event which is justly considered as m auspicious in its influence on this portion of the Brit Empire, and which is hailed with feelings of unbound satisfaction and gratitude by every class and descripti of your Irish people.

We take this opportunity of tendering to your Maje the cordial assurances of our undeviating attachment your sacred person, to the illustrious house of Hanov and to the unrivalled constitution of our country. I structed by the Scriptures, to "Honour the King," as w as to "Fear God," we abhor and detest all principles disloyalty; and, as far as our influence may exte among those of your Majesty's subjects, who are und our pastoral care, we shall continue, by our constant teac ing, advice, and example, to discountenance sedition a disorder, in all their forms, and strongly to enforce cheerful subjection to the laws, and to all civil authoriti constituted by the state. In these sentiments and pu poses, we are confirmed, not only by the deep-root feelings of our own hearts, and by our views of mo duty, but also by the uniform example of the Founder our Societies, and by that of our brethren in England, whose repeated expressions of Christian loyalty, made behalf of the whole body of Wesleyan Methodists, in eve part of the Empire, we have always most entirely a zealously concurred.

In the prosecution of our humble labours for the s

vancement of religion and virtue. we have had frequent occasion to notice the protection which we have received from the Magistracy of our country, and from those who have exercised, from time to time, the authorities of your Majesty's Government in Ireland: and we feel it our duty gratefully to acknowledge the privileges which we now enjoy, and to pray, that Almighty God, "who giveth salvation to Kings," may have your Majesty in His constant care and keeping; that His wisdom may direct all your Majesty's councils, for the benefit of your people and of the world at large: that it may please Him to grant to your Majesty a long, happy, and prosperous reign; and that at last, full of years, and full of honour, you may be admitted into His everlasting Kingdom and receive a crown of righteousness that fadeth not away.

Signed by order, and on behalf of the Methodist Ministers of Ireland, as directed at their Annual Conference held in Whitefriar-street Chapel, Dublin, the 31st day of July, 1821.

JABEZ BUNTING, *President.*

(Transmitted by the Rev. Matthew Tobias and the Rev. Charles Mayne. Presented by Viscount Sidmouth.

THE FOLLOWING POLITE ANSWER WAS DULY RECEIVED.

Pleasure Lawn, Aug. 16, 1821.

GENTLEMEN,

I have had the honour of laying before the King the loyal and dutiful Address of the Methodist Ministers of Ireland, which you transmitted to me on the 31st of August, and I have the satisfaction of acquainting you that his Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

SIDMOUTH.

The Rev. M. Tobias and the Rev. C. Mayne.

DUBLIN, Friday, June 27th, 1823.

Q. 1. What Preacher is this year ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. Thomas Ballard.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. John Holmes.

He has travelled three years.

Henry Benson, William Guard, John Feely, Matthew Lanktree, jun., James Lamb.

These have travelled two years.

John Wilson, Nathaniel Hobart.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers have been RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

A. John S. Wilson, John Haire, Fossey Tackaberry, Henry Price, James Benjamin Gillman.

Q. 4. What Preacher has DIED since the last Conference?

A. WILLIAM COPELAND. A man of superior attainments and excellence, whether viewed as a christian, or as a gospel minister. As a christian, his piety was deep and genuine; his morals most correct, uniform, and exemplary; his manners agreeable and prepossessing; his understanding observant, discriminating, and judicious. His mind was well stored with general information, on various subjects of natural and moral philosophy; but especially, with a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation, and thoroughly to furnish the man of God to every good work. As a Preacher, his talents were, in the selection, arrangement, illustration, and application of his discourses, for the best purposes of the christian ministry, considerably above the ordinary class. He was indeed a workman who needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

It is worthy of remark, that he became the subject of converting, or regenerating grace, in his seventeenth year; and that he ascribed his awakening to a conviction of his

need of that change to the instrumentality of the pointed and faithful ministry of one of our Irish Missionaries.

He commenced his itinerant labours in 1806, and travelled, with great acceptance and usefulness, in every Circuit where he was stationed, until 1819; when, by ill health, he was obliged to desist. He settled with his family in Waterford, where it pleased the Great Head of the Church, by means of a violent fever, to call him to his eternal rest. After suffering much in his last illness, which he endured with great patience, expressing his resignation to the will, and confidence in the favour of God, he quietly fell asleep in Jesus, on Sunday morning, September 22nd, 1822, in the forty-first year of his age. His last words were, "I know Christ, and him crucified." "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?

A. As follows, viz:

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin*, Samuel Steele, William Stewart, William Richey; Thomas W Doolittle, Book-Steward; William Smith, John Clegg, Superintendents; John Kerr, William Ferguson, James McKenny, Superannuated.

2 *Longford*, Robert Bruce, Joshua [illegible], Richard Price, Superintendent.

3 *Drogheda*, George Stephenson, Assistant.

4 *Castleblayney*, Robert Strong, John [illegible], John Wiggins, Superintendent.

5 *Wicklow*, William Douglas, [illegible], Robert Carson, Superintendent, Alexander Morrow, Superintendent.

SAMUEL STEELE, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6 *Waterford*, Thomas Waugh, [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Olliffe.
[illegible] William [illegible] James [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] *Chairman of the District.*

IV. The Cork District.

[illegible] [illegible] Matthew Thomas, John F. Matthews; James M'Mullen, Superannuated.
Bandon. Henry Jeans, Matthew Lankree, jun.; Andrew Hamilton, sen., Supernumerary.
[illegible] John Holmes.
[illegible] Thomas Ballard.
[illegible] [illegible] *Chairman of the District.*

IV. The Limerick District.

[illegible] *Tarmonbarry,* John Howe, John Carey.
[illegible] *Mullingar,* William Foote.
[illegible] *Roscrea,* Samuel Wood, Richard T. Tracy; Michael Murphy, Superannuated.
17 *Clonaghgeeran,* James Johnston; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
18 *Mountrath,* Samuel Downing, Fossey Tackaberry; James M'Kee, Supernumerary.

Samuel Wood, *Chairman of the District.*

V. The Tullamore District.

19 *Tullamore,* Andrew Hamilton, jun., Robt. Banks; James Sterling, Superannuated.
20 *Castleton,* John Hadden, James C. Pratt.
21 *Ballina,* Edward Johnston; Wm. M'Cornock, Supernumerary.
22 *Slane,* Samuel Harpur, John Wilson.

Andrew Hamilton, jun., *Chairman of the District.*

VI. The Clones District

23 [illegible] & Clones, Samuel M'Dowell, Robert Wilson; Wm. Gilcriest, Supernumerary.

24 *Boyle & Killeshandra*, John Waugh, James Lamb; Chas. M'Cormick, Supernumerary; King Barton, Superannuated.
25 *Monaghan & Aughnacloy*, George Burrows, John Armstrong; John Jebb, Supernumerary; Thomas Barber, William Armstrong, Superannuated.

GEORGE BURROWS, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

26 *Enniskillen & Brookborough*, James Rutledge, William Pollock, Henry Price; Robert Crozier, Superannuated.
27 *Manorhamilton*, James Irwin, John Haire; William Hamilton, Supernumerary.
28 *Ballyshannon*, John Crozier Irvine.
29 *Irvinestown*, Edward Hazelton, Castor Clements.

JAMES RUTLEDGE, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

30 *Londonderry & Strabane*, William Kidd, George M'Elwain; Francis Armstrong, James Smith, Supernumeraries.
31 *Newtownlimavaddy*, Archibald Campbell.
32 *Newtownstewart*, John Foster, Joseph Edgerton; Matthew Stuart, John M'Arthur, Superannuated.

WILLIAM KIDD, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

33 *Belfast*, John Stuart, Alexander Mackey; Blakely Dowling, Supernumerary.
34 *Donaghadee and Newtownards*, Alexander Sturgeon, Nathaniel Hobart.
35 *Downpatrick*, Michael Burrows.

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Dublin	1002	Newtownlimavaddy	132
Longford	174	Belfast	404
Drogheda	300	Donaghadeee	450
Castleblayney	420	Carrickfergus	482
Wicklow	320	Downpatrick	200
Waterford	200	Coleraine	339
Clonmel	253	Lisburn	778
Carlow	305	Newry	350
Newtownbarry	397	Dungannon	1007
Cork & Cove	518	Armagh & Charlemont	615
Bandon	875	Lurgan	1090
Skibbereen	330	Tanderagee	950
Mallow	101		
Limerick	378	*Missions.*	
Milltown	120	County Wexford	80
Roscrea	320	County Kilkenny	66
Cloughjordan	148	Youghal and County Waterford	64
Mountrath	370	Kilrush	41
Tullamore	215	County Kerry	35
Castlebar	120	Counties of Clare and Tipperary.	87
Ballina	290	County Galway	126
Sligo	687	Rathmullen	114
Clones and Cavan	422	Killybegs	106
Boyle & Killeshandra	626	County Tyrone	90
Monaghan & Aughnacloy	603	Ballymena	216
Enniskillen	1107	County Down	136
Manorhamilton	730	Fews	132
Ballyshannon	314		
Irvinestown	1130		22,039
Londonderry	466		
Newtownstewart	758		

N.B. The deficiency of our numbers has been considerably increased this year by an emigration of nearly 500 members of our Societies from several Circuits. When the state of the country is duly considered, we feel most thankful to God for the present state of our Connexion.

Q. 10. What has been contributed towards the Preachers' Fund?

A. As follows, viz:—

	British Currency. £	s.	d.
Dublin .	26	15	4
Longford & Old-castle.	1	1	0
Drogheda	7	8	0
Castleblayney	1	0	0
Wicklow	3	0	0
Waterford	4	4	0
Clonmel	1	1	0
Carlow .	1	0	0
Newtownbarry	3	10	0
Cork .	19	13	0
Bandon.	7	11	6
Skibbereen			
Mallow.	1	0	0
Limerick	5	2	6
Milltown	1	4	0
Roscrea.	2	0	0
Cloughjordan	1	0	0
Mountrath	1	0	0
Tullamore	1	7	8½
Castlebar	2	2	0
Ballina.	1	7	9
Sligo .	2	6	2
Clones & Cavan.	1	3	6
Boyle & Kille-shandra	1	0	0
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	1	0	0
Enniskillen and Brookborough	1	3	6
Manorhamilton	1	1	0
Ballyshannon	1	0	0
Irvinestown	1	0	0
Londonderry and Strabane	1	0	0
Newtownlimavaddy	1	0	0
Newtownstewart.	1	1	0
Belfast .	4	0	0
Donaghadee and Newtownards	1	1	0
Downpatrick	1	0	0
Carrickfergus	1	0	0
Coleraine	1	1	0
Lisburn	2	8	0
Newry .	1	3	0
Dungannon	3	1	0
Armagh and Charlemont	1	11	3
Lurgan .	3	12	0
Tanderagee	2	0	0
MISSIONS:			
Wexford	1	8	0
Kilkenny	1	0	0
Youghal	1	0	0
South Cork			
Kilrush.	1	0	0
County Kerry	3	0	0
Clare&Tipperary	1	0	0
Galway.	2	8	6
Rathmullen	1	0	0
Killybegs	1	0	0
County Tyrone	1	0	0
Ballymena	1	0	0
Down .	1	1	0
Fews .	1	0	0
	143	17	8½
Donation from Jas. Hill, Esq.	9	4	7
Mrs. Deeves' Legacy	11	8	0
	164	10	3½

N.B.—The above contributions have been forwarded to the Committee of the Merciful Fund in England, to

be distributed by them in distressing cases among the Irish claimants. See the Report of the English Auxiliary Fund.

Q. 11. What has been contributed by the Circuits towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin	55	14	0	Newtownlimavaddy	1	0	0
Longford	2	14	6	Newtownstewart	1	16	8
Drogheda	9	9	0	Belfast	9	11	2
Castleblayney	3	10	0	Donaghadee	4	10	0
Wicklow	8	6	8	Downpatrick	2	5	0
Waterford	6	14	3	Carrickfergus	6	6	5
Clonmel	2	12	0	Coleraine	2	10	3
Carlow	4	16	1	Lisburn	6	17	6
Newtownbarry	6	7	0	Newry	4	12	0
Cork and Cove	15	0	0	Dungannon	2	5	4½
Bandon	15	0	0	Armagh	6	6	6
Skibbereen		...		Lurgan	6	6	0
Mallow	6	7	0	Tanderagee	8	0	0
Limerick	10	0	7	MISSIONS.			
Milltown	1	19	2	Youghal	1	3	1
Roscrea	10	0	0	Kerry	2	3	4
Cloughjordan	2	2	0	Galway	2	18	0
Mountrath	4	15	7	Wexford		...	
Tullamore	6	1	11½	Kilkenny		...	
Castlebar	4	6	7	Dingle	2	3	4
Ballina	2	0	0	Clare		...	
Sligo	5	10	0	Kilrush.		...	
Clones	3	16	0	Rathmullen		...	
Boyle & Killeshandra		...		Dunmore		...	
				Killybegs		...	
Monaghan	4	0	0	Tyrone	0	10	0
Enniskillen	3	5	0	Ballymena		...	
Manorhamilton	2	2	0	County Down		...	
Ballyshannon	1	11	10½	Fews		...	
Irvinestown	3	10	6				
Londonderry	3	3	0		275	19	4½

N.B.—For the amount of contributions to the Missionary Fund, see the Annual Report of the Hibernian Methodist Missionary Society for the present year.

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?
A. As follows.

Dublin.	89	0	0
Longford and Oldcastle	2	2	0
Drogheda	25	5	10
Castleblayney	3	18	0
Wicklow	11	2	6
Waterford	16	3	10
Clonmel	7	0	0
Carlow.	11	3	8
Newtownbarry	16	3	1
Cork	51	8	10
Bandon.	30	1	2
Skibbereen	9	0	0
Mallow.	9	10	0
Limerick	8	5	1
Milltown	9	16	3
Roscrea.	11	1	6
Cloughjordan	4	10	0
Mountrath	6	16	0
Tullamore	10	3	0
Castlebar	8	12	10
Ballina.	5	2	1
Sligo	10	1	6
Clones & Cavan.	3	17	7
Boyle & Killeshandra	7	1	8
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	8	0	0
Enniskillen and Brookborough	5	15	6
Manorhamilton.	5	12	0
Ballyshannon	1	18	5½
Irvinestown	7	1	6
Londonderry & Strabane	5	4	0
Newtownlimavaddy	0	19	0
Newtownstewart	5	4	9
Belfast	8	4	4
Donaghadee and Newtownards.	5	0	0
Downpatrick	3	5	0
Carrickfergus		...	
Coleraine	3	12	1½
Lisburn	5	1	8
Newry.	5	1	0
Dungannon	6	17	6
Armagh & Charlemont	7	0	0
Lurgan	7	0	0
Tanderagee	3	0	0
Missions.			
County Wexford.		...	
Kilkenny	8	3	0
Youghal	12	6	10
South Cork		...	
Kilrush.		...	
Dingle.	2	8	8
Clare	5	16	3
Galway.		...	
Rathmullen		...	
Killybegs		...	
Tyrone.	0	10	11
Ballymena	29	5	8
Down		...	
Fews		...	
	519	14	7

Q. 13. How are the Preachers' children to be provided for?

A. The *number of children* having claims for maintenance

ance in Ireland, in the ensuing year, is 163; the number for education is 93. Accordingly, the following statement shall regulate the proportions of the Districts and Circuits.

Districts	Members	Maintenance of Children.	Education of Children.
Dublin,	2216	18	25
Waterford,	1155	9	7½
Cork,	1824	15	10¼
Limerick,	1336	11	8¼
Tullamore,	1252	10	7
Clones,	1661	11	4¼
Enniskillen,	3281	25	5½
Londonderry,	1356	12	3¼
Belfast,	2653	22	11¼
Newry,	4012	30	11

Q. 14. What probable sum can be allowed from the Book-room, to be added to the Yearly Collection of the ensuing year in order to assist in meeting the general deficiency?

	£	s.	d.
A. The Yearly Collection of 1824, may, it is hoped, amount to . .	540	0	0
From the Book-room . .	500	0	0
	1040	0	0
The Dublin District may divide a sum not exceeding . . .	100	0	0
Waterford Do. . . .	110	0	0
Cork Do. . . .	100	0	0
Limerick Do. . . .	100	0	0
Tullamore Do. . . .	110	0	0
Clones Do. . . .	110	0	0
Enniskillen Do. . . .	100	0	0
Londonderry Do. . .	100	0	0
Belfast Do. . . .	100	0	0
Newry Do. . . .	110	0	0
	1040	0	0

Q. 15. What shall be done in order to carry into more effectual operation the resolutions of the last Conference,

for promoting Sunday Schools, under the auspices of our Connexion?

A. The following persons are appointed a general Committee for the above purpose, viz.

The Dublin Preachers, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Henry Deery, Matthew Tobias, Thomas Waugh, John Stuart, Samuel Wood, Charles Mayne.

Dublin District,	Messrs. William Kent, Wm. Osborne, William Hodgins, Wm. Mathews.
Waterford Do.	Mr. Thomas Barber, Newtownbarry.
Cork Do.	Henry Cornwall, Esq. Bandon.
Limerick Do.	Mr John Hewson, Templemore.
Tullamore Do.	George Studdart, Esq., Monasterevan.
Enniskillen Do.	Mr. Hugh Copeland, Enniskillen.
Clones Do.	Mr. William Harpur, Killeshandra.
Londonderry Do.	Mr. Gabriel Cather, Omagh.
Belfast Do.	John Gault, Esq., Coleraine.
Newry Do.	Thomas Shillington, Esq., Portadown.

Q. 16. At the last Conference it was proposed to form a Tract Society for the "distributing and lending cheap Religious Tracts among the poor and ignorant of the people." What is our present resolution?

A. That a Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Steele, William Stewart, Richey, Smith, Ferguson, Kent, Francis White, Osborne, Henry Heney, Arthur Jones, and William Mathews, for the purpose of selecting, and providing Tracts for distribution throughout Ireland; and, that all applications from the country be made to this Committee, through Mr. Doolittle, the Book-Steward, No. 8 Abbey-street.

Q. 17. What shall be done, in order to make the Building and Chapel Fund more efficient?

A. We hope that the simple and unburdensome plan of One Penny per Month, to be subscribed by the members and friends of the Society, will be attended to more generally than in the preceding year. And we recommend in future, that in each class a person be appointed, (not a leader), to collect the same. Also, that in the first quarter, before the month of September, a public collection shall be made in every preaching-place in our Connexion in Ireland, *the produce of* which collections shall be *immediately transmitted to* the Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 18. What Chapels are to be built this year?

A. One in Rathdrum, on the Wicklow Circuit; one in Ballycanew, on the Newtownbarry Circuit?

Q. 19. Shall any alterations be made in the usual mode of providing for the wives of Supernumerary Preachers?

A. In future, no wife of a Supernumerary Preacher shall receive the allowance of £16 British; but shall, according to circumstances, be assisted out of the Merciful Fund, as is the universal usage in England.

Q. 20. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Wm Smith, Samuel Steele, Matthew Tobias, John Stuart, Henry Deery, William Stewart, Charles Mayne, Thomas Waugh, William Ferguson; and the other Dublin Preachers.

Q. 21. Who are the Building and Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, Samuel Wood, Saml. Steele, Henry Deery, Charles Mayne, George Stephenson, Robert Banks, Francis Russell, Thomas Waugh; together with ten other brethren (not being travelling Preachers,) who shall be chosen by their respective Districts.

Q. 22. When shall the different Committees meet, previously to the sitting of the ensuing Conference?

A. The Chairmen of Districts, on Tuesday, June 26th at ten o'clock. The Stationing Committee, on Wednesday, 27th, at six o'clock. The Building and Chapel Fund Committee, on Thursday, 28th, at 6 o'clock, A. M. The Book Committee, on the same day, at 1 o'clock, P.M.

N.B.—It is requested that the Chairmen of Districts and Missionaries will attend to the regulation of the last Conference; see Answer to *Q.* 23rd in the last year's Minutes.

Brother William Stewart, Treasurer; Brother Thomas Waugh, Secretary to the Yearly Collection.

Q. 23. What shall be done to aid the Committee for Liquidating the Debt of the Connexion?

A. Let the following resolution of that Committee be attended to:—

"Resolved. That the Preachers be requested to recommend at the Financial District Meeting, to be held in August, next, the appointment of one person from each Circuit, as *a member of the* general Committee, whose duty it will

be to promote the objects of the plan, and communicate with them from time to time, and that the nomination of this person be notified to the Committee in Dublin, immediately after it takes place, addressed to our Secretary."

Q. 24. What is the resolution of the Conference respecting the present state of our Connexion, and the deeply afflicted state of Ireland?

A. Let the third Friday in September next be observed in all our Societies as a day of special humiliation, fasting and prayer, that the whole of our Connexion may present at the same time their united supplications to Almighty God for a more abundant outpouring of his Holy Spirit, and for the averting those awful calamities that threaten us: and let the observance of the Quarterly Fasts in our Societies, be most religiously enjoined.

Q. 25. What shall be done to promote family godliness in our Societies?

A. It is recommended to all heads of families in our Connexion, to be punctual in family prayer, both morning and evening; always taking care to have every member of the family present, both children and servants; and that all masters and mistresses make it a point of conscience to see that their servants attend public worship, at least, once every Lord's day.

It is also recommended to all the members of our Societies to avoid all needless self-indulgence, and especially the use of tobacco in every form; a custom both destructive of health and circumstances, and unbecoming them as professed followers of Jesus Christ.

Q. 26. Who are our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. Matthew Tobias, and William Stewart.

Q. 27. When shall the Financial Districts be held?

A. On the third Wednesday in August next.

Q. 28. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin, on the last Friday in June, 1824.

ADAM CLARKE, *President.*
SAMUEL WOOD, *Secretary.*

***Dublin, July 7th,* 1823.**

DONATIONS, &c.

	£	s.	d.
[illegible]	90	0	0
A Friend by Mr Morris	54	5	0
Do. by Mr D. Ward	2	0	0
By Interest of Mrs Shiel's Legacy ...	5	0	0
Milltown Extra Collection	10	0	0
Sligo Do.	20	0	0
Newry Do.	24	6	9½
Lisburn Do.	3	8	3
	£209	0	0½

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Interest on Money due	253	13	3
Extra Expense on Newtownlimavaddy Circuit	12	18	4
Rent on Carrick-on-shannon Lodging ...	5	0	0
Brother Hobart's Expenses travelling nine months	13	0	0
Horse Tax imposed on Brother Bruce ...	2	7	6
Extra Expense of Brother Hazelton ...	0	9	5
Grass Bill	29	18	8
	£317	7	2

In 1822 the Conference in conjunction with the opinion of several highly respectable friends, and in order to assimilate our usages, as far as possible, to those of the English Conference, agreed, that a more efficient financial arrangement should be adopted, to meet the general annual demand of Preachers' salary, wives' salary, the education and maintenance of preachers' children, rent, fire and candles, furniture, &c. These arrangements being made and referred to the District Meetings held immediately after the Conference, and there the proportions being adjusted, according to the numbers and circumstances of each Circuit, it appears that the following sums are deficient, to meet which we have no regular provision :—

GENERAL DEFICIENCY.

n	168	0	0
ord	56	4	5
ieda	40	2	6
blayney	46	9	6½
ow	32	4	1½
ford	15	7	10
iel	35	0	4
v.	40	16	9
ownbarry	32	9	8
.	15	0	0
m.	33	10	7
ereen	11	14	½
w.			
ick	35	6	0
wn	11	15	11
ea	10	15	2½
ajordan	22	5	10
rath	25	7	7
nore	30	18	0
bar	14	1	7
a.			
.	19	12	6
& Cavan	47	14	5½
and Killes-dra	17	11	7
Monaghan & Aughnacloy	37	5	4
Enniskillen	32	2	1½
Manorhamilton	50	2	6½
Ballyshannon	22	12	4
Irvinestown	41	3	8
Londonderry	13	14	5½
Newtownlimavaddy	17	9	10
Newtownstewart	25	6	8½
Belfast	28	12	6
Donaghadee	16	17	8
Downpatrick	4	9	0
Carrickfergus	12	15	11
Coleraine	10	10	3
Lisburn	23	3	3
Newry	7	9	5
Dungannon	36	11	4
Armagh & Charlemont			
Lurgan	51	6	5½
Tanderagee	12	4	8
Total	1206	5	11

.—We refer for a more particular account of these ncies, to the General Stewards of Circuits.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

1823.	CONFERENCE.	DR. £	s.	d.	1823.	CONFERENCE.	CR. £	s.	d.
To Donations, &c.	... ...	209	0	0½	By General Deficiency	... ...	1206	5	11
,, Grant from the British Conference towards the Education of Preachers' children	... ...	308	15	0	,, Miscellaneous Expenses	... ...	307	17	2
,, Subscriptions of the English Preachers and friends	... ...	157	18	4	,, Loss in Sligo, allowed Brother Stephenson		30	0	0
,, Balance	... ..	916	8	0½	,, Loss in London, allowed Brother Wood		37	18	4
		1592	1	5			1592	1	5

N.B.—The Amount of the Yearly Collection, with the allowance from the Book-Room, had been apportioned in the August District Meetings, amongst the different Circuits, and the Education Collection, with the Quarterage, was allowed the General Stewards, to meet the current expense: notwithstanding, the above deficiency remains.

The Amount of the Preachers' Tax, £388 10s. this Conference, has been applied to meet the first instalment of the Money borrowed last Conference.

The Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very dear Fathers and Brethren,

Under a renewed feeling of the tender mercy of our most gracious Lord, we are, once more, assembled in Conference; and, as we have had the strongest assurances of your sympathising love for our suffering Connexion in Ireland, we not only feel grateful for that love, but also we feel that the charity of the Lord Jesus in you, has, yet more than ever, united our hearts with your hearts, in one faith, one hope of our calling, and one holy rejoicing, in the same Lord Jesus.

Our country, since the last sitting of our Conference, has exhibited an awful and melancholy picture of our national crimes and miseries. Outrages, robberies, burnings, and murders, have encompassed us and our Societies, in almost every direction, in the southern and western counties. Societies have been scattered, property destroyed, and, in some instances, our beloved brethren, the Preachers, violently attacked on the public roads; and yet, as the shepherds of the Lord's flock, no man shrank from his duty, no man neglected his Circuit; and, to the praise and glory of the Great Shepherd, not a hair of their heads has perished! Surely the Lord is our Keeper!

In such circumstances of desolation and poverty as have succeeded the insurrectionary state of this country, when tens of thousands of the poor are begging and starving in several counties, when trade is depressed, when there is no market for agricultural produce, and when anxiety and fear have come upon the land like an armed host; it is not to be wondered at, that our beloved Societies should have had a large portion of the common affliction; and, therefore, that their numbers, and their aids towards the support of the Gospel, should have decreased. Whole families have emigrated to America as their only place of refuge, and, in consequence, whole Societies have been dispersed.

We cannot restrain our feelings and expressions of admiration of British sympathy and generosity to our wretched land, when we consider with what tenderness of heart and noble promptitude, the generous supplies of your liberality have been poured upon us. May the God of all grace and charity bless your nation, and exalt it in righteousness!

Though our land has bled, yet God has not forgotten to be gracious to us; and, in not a few instances, have we seen his goodness and power manifested in the regeneration, consolation, and final triumph of precious souls.

Our ministerial attention has, latterly, more than ever, been directed to the importance of inward and vital godliness; and we have found that by how much we have, in faithfulness, laid the foundation sure, of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as our God and Saviour, insisting upon its accompaniments, viz: pardon of sin, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, the direct witness of the Spirit with our spirits that we are the children of God; by so much we have marked the blessed effects thereof, in a deeper and closer walk with God, and a more steady and holy conversation in all things, amongst our beloved people.

To Methodism in Ireland, it is given to preach the free and universal salvation of the Gospel; and with this it stands, almost alone, distinguished for its testimony to the fulness of the redemption of Christ Jesus, whose "blood cleanseth us from all sin." On these subjects, good men may err, and wicked men blaspheme; but our Gospel, which we have believed and preached, is not only "glad tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people," but it is "the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth."

The admirable spirit of grace and wisdom which breathes through the resolutions of your Minutes, and which we have adopted in ours of the last year, we have, with an humble confidence in our Lord, endeavoured to imbibe; and we trust that, by reviving the whole body of our excellent discipline, and standing fast therein, we shall be, from year to year, more and more established.

Your love of Ireland has long been manifested in your liberal support of the Irish Mission; and that love has not

been in vain in the Lord. Could British liberality be more religiously or more patriotically devoted, than towards the great objects of that Mission? a mission, than which none has more laboriously, patiently, and faithfully served the moral and religious interests of our country?

For the unrestrained liberty which our Preachers enjoy, in every part, even in the disturbed counties, we feel most thankful; and the full confidence of the Government of Ireland, in our prudent and unabused use of that liberty, but the more attaches our hearts to our beloved King, and to his noble Representative; and to our admired and beloved constitution.

But, Fathers and Brethren, how shall we thank you for your continued love to us, and your care over us, from year to year, in the visits of your Presidents, and of their revered and beloved companions? And we must say, that our gratitude and obligations are enlarged towards you, on behalf of our truly pious and excellent President, brother GEORGE MARSDEN, and his pious and excellent companion, brother ROBERT NEWTON:—their labours, their zeal, their wisdom, and their talents, have filled us with gladness, and edified us in love; for them we bless God, and thank you. Those annual visits bring the former days to our remembrance, and revive both us and our Societies with an eager expectation of the latter day's glory.

We send you, as our Representative, brother SAMUEL WOOD, and as his companion, brother WILLIAM STEWART. These our long tried, faithful, and beloved brethren know all our afflictions, necessities, and concerns; and you will receive them in the Lord.

Finally, as we have received our ministry, not from man, but from the Lord Jesus, so we believe and feel, that we can only truly minister under the anointing of His Holy Spirit; and, uniting with you in the expectation of a general outpouring of the Holy Spirit, accompanying the present movements of the Christian Church, we pray, that the kingdom and glory of the Son of God may be revealed in our times, and that "all flesh may see it together."

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

ANDREW HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

Dublin Conference, July 10th, 1822.

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address from the Irish Conference.

Very dear Brethren,

Your Annual Address, containing fresh declarations of devotion to our common Lord, and to our common cause, whose object it is to spread scriptural holiness throughout the world, together with renewed assurances of your confidence in us, and attachment to us as your brethren, has been received with cordial satisfaction; and gladly do we embrace the present opportunity of repeating our expressions of reciprocal regard.

The melancholy intelligence which has reached us from time to time, during the last year, respecting the state of several counties in Ireland, the wanton outrages which have been there committed, have revolted our feelings, appalled our hearts, made us blush for our country, and for human nature, tremble for the safety of our Irish brethren, and for the ark of God, and offer up strong crying, with tears, that your lives might be preserved, that the cause of religion might be untarnished, that the causes which have produced such a state of society in the sister kingdom might be removed, and that an enlightened and virtuous population might arise to "honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King, and lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." Our prayers have been heard! not a hair of the head of the Irish Preachers has perished, and our people in the disturbed districts have conducted themselves as becometh the peaceful Gospel of Jesus Christ, and public tranquillity has been partially restored. Thanks be unto our God, who always causeth us to triumph in every place!

We are not surprised to hear that both Preachers and people have shared in the awful calamities which have succeeded the desolating movements of insurrection; but we are deeply affected by the detail; and while we have had the satisfaction of conferring on them some substantial marks of our christian sympathy, we resolve, by the

grace of God, to be incessant in our prayers for our afflicted brethren, who are rendered still more dear to us by their pious and patient sufferings. May "the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory, by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

In common with all the world, we greatly admire the promptitude and liberality of the measures which have been adopted by the legislature for the relief of the sufferers in Ireland; we exult in the spontaneous, generous, and unexampled benevolence by which they have been seconded by the British public; we have not neglected to contribute our humble mite to this sacred cause; we rejoice to learn that these proofs of our love have been appreciated in Ireland; we hope they will be the means of consolidating the union, reciprocating the affection, and promoting the happiness of the two kingdoms; and we pray that the stream of charity may deepen and widen as it rolls along, until it shall have carried food to all who are hungry, raiment to all who are naked, medicine to all who are sick; until death shall be arrested in its progress, and health be restored to the people; until the clouds of ignorance and superstition shall be dispelled, and the light of the Gospel shine upon every cabin; until, in short, crime shall be expelled from the soil, and all the people shall be righteous.

While Brethren, you hold fast the sound doctrines of the Gospel, in the form of sound words, such as are contained in the first four volumes of the Sermons of our late venerable Founder, and in his incomparable Notes on the New Testament; while you hold these in a pure conscience, adorn them with a holy life, and propagate them with a loving zeal; while you effectually preach down error by meekly inculcating the truth; while you temperately, but firmly administer our most excellent discipline, without fear or favour; while you conciliate the affections of the people by visiting them from house to house; while you are instant in season and out of season, within doors and out of doors, in preaching the word; while you are as diligent in reading and study, and preparations for the pulpit, as if your success depended solely

on your own exertions; and as full of faith and prayer, and dependence on the Holy Spirit, as if God had promised to do all the work without your own efforts; in short if you are animated by the love of Christ as your motive, and guided by the word of Christ as your rule, and if his sole glory be your object, then God will be with you; his blessing shall be upon you; his work will revive among you; you will fill all Ireland with your doctrine; and in the east and the west, the north and the south, incense shall be offered to the name of the Lord, and a pure offering.

By the pious exertions of some worthy clergymen in this metropolis, the attention of the religious public has been lately directed, in an unusual degree, to the important subject of special prayer for the more abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are happy to perceive in this country, some blessed effects resulting from this seasonable interposition. The Ministers of Christ have been more spiritual in their public duties, the people have been more serious and devout, our missionary and other public meetings have been more than ever sensible of the overshadowing cloud of the Divine presence, and in all places, serious christians have, with renewed humility, faith, fervour and effect, given themselves unto prayer; conversions among us are more general and more numerous than formerly, and our hope is that spiritual religion is greatly on the increase. We need not inform you dear Brethren, that you will promote the spread of the Gospel, and secure the salvation of your people most effectually, and comfortably, while under the special influence of the Holy Ghost, nor that without his aid you can do nothing; but we will venture to suggest to you the propriety and the advantage of stirring up yourselves, your societies, and your congregations, to earnest prayer for a greater outpouring, and a pentecostal fulness of the Spirit; that transgressors may learn God's law; that sinners may be converted unto him, that your people may yet be more holy, and useful, and happy; and that all the fruits of righteousness may abound to the praise of the glory of the grace of God.

We rejoice in the prosperity of the Irish Mission, and

have agreed to afford it our wonted support. May it be attended with success proportioned to its pecuniary expense, and to the faithful, zealous, self-denying, indefatigable, and devoted labours of the Missionaries. It cannot be too often noticed, for it ought never to be forgotten, that not only in the sphere of the operations of that Mission, and in other parts of Ireland, and throughout Great Britain, and all places near the seat of the British government, but in all its foreign dependencies, the shield of its power, and the facilities of its influence, are employed for the protection of God's Ministers, and for the promotion of his cause. "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes;" and though we are bound to be subject on principles much more solid, and lofty, and stable than human fear, or hope, or gratitude, yet, surely we may be excused if we feel lively emotions of gratitude, both to Almighty God and to our earthly Rulers, that to us, as a Body, the duty of christian loyalty is sweetened and rendered delightful, by a sense of benefits unrivalled in their extent, and inconceivable in their importance.

The brethren whom you appointed to visit us, viz., the Rev. Messrs. S. WOOD, and W. STEWART, were welcome to our shores, to our Conference, and to our hearts; they have done credit to the wisdom of your choice, they have obtained our cordial approbation; and, be assured, they return to you with our respect, affection, and good wishes.

We were fully prepared to receive your approval of the visit, the counsels, the prayers, the preaching, and the example among you, of our highly-esteemed brethren, the Rev. Messrs. GEORGE MARSDEN, and ROBERT NEWTON. May their labours among you be like seed sown in good ground; may it spring up, and bear fruit! May it be like bread cast upon the waters, which shall be found after many days! May it be like a nail fastened in a sure place by the Master of assemblies, to be drawn no more!

We have this year appointed our excellent President, DR. ADAM CLARKE, to preside in your next Conference; and we have requested our venerable brethren, the Rev. Messrs. HENRY MOORE, and JOHN STAMP, to accompany

him; it is enough for us to say, that these brethren need no letters of commendation from us.

It will afford you pleasure to hear that our gracious God is still with us; that he is pouring out his Spirit upon us, and making bare his arm among us. Our last was a peaceable and prosperous year. Our clear increase in Great Britain has been more than eleven thousand members. We have had a happy Conference. Our prospects for the next year are cheering. May great grace rest upon you, dear brethren; may great grace rest upon us; may great grace rest upon all our beloved people in all parts of the world; so that we may "rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, and in every thing give thanks" to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINROD, *Sub-Secretary.*

London, August 14th, 1822.

DUBLIN, Friday, June 25, 1824.

Q. 1. What Preacher is this year admitted into FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. John Holmes.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. Henry Benson, William Guard, John Feely, Matthew Lanktree, jun., James Lamb.

These have travelled three years.

John Wilson, Nathaniel Hobart.

These have travelled two years.

John Stethem Wilson, Fossey Tackaberry, Henry Price, James Benjamin Gillman.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers have been ADMITTED ON TRIAL this year?

A. Claudius Byrne, James Sullivan, Robt. Beauchamp, James Patterson, Joseph Crofts, John Nash.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since last Conference?

A. SAMUEL STEELE, who departed this life on the 10th of January last, in the fifty-ninth year of his age, and the thirty-fourth of his ministry. It is with the deepest concern the Conference express their sorrow for the loss of their truly excellent fellow-labourer, by whose death the church has lost one of its most upright members, and most faithful ministers. From his youth he had known the Holy Scriptures, by which he was made wise unto salvation by faith in Christ Jesus. Early in life he was brought to an experimental and saving knowledge of redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of sins. Having obtained mercy, he became much affected with a concern for the salvation of others, and being fully persuaded by the Holy Ghost that he was called to the office of the ministry, he began to labour amongst his friends and neighbours with prayers and exhortations. The holy fire burned in his soul; it kindled in him an ardent zeal; and the glory of his Lord, and the salvation of souls, ate him up. His piety, humility, integrity, and zeal, being manifest to all the brethren, he was recommended to the Conference, and accepted on trial in the year 1790.

During the years of his ministry, he exemplified the truths which he taught by an unvarying uprightness of conduct; by a zeal that never shrank from indefatigable labours in the word and doctrine; by firm and invincible adherence to principle and conscience; by patience and confidence in God, which enabled him to endure much suffering and privation, if by any means he might serve the cause of the blessed Gospel; by soundness of understanding, and deep and close research in the manifold wisdom of God; but above all, by his unfeigned love of God, and by those bowels of mercy and compassion which had so long distinguished him amongst his brethren. He filled the first stations in our Connexion in Ireland with much reputation; he ever had the confidence and affection of those who knew him best, and died amidst the tenderest sympathies of his ministerial brethren.

As a preacher he was wise, diligent, useful, a servant of the Lord Christ, faithful in all things in the house of

God. As a Christian he was sound in the faith, and holy in all manner of conversation, "holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience;" and as a brother, he was cordial, generous, and steady in his friendships, forbearing in provocations, and ever ready to forgive.

His end was, like his life, peaceful, confident in God, and full of the hope of immortality. His closing intercourse with God was free and joyful; and, being deeply baptized with the Holy Spirit, his departure was triumphant.

CHARLES GRAHAM, aged seventy-four. He was born near Sligo, where he lived as a respectable farmer during a period of forty years. At an early age he heard the Gospel preached by some of the Methodist ministers, who first visited that country, and was soon after converted to God. In the commencement of his christian course he was led to entertain the doctrine of particular redemption; but he afterwards obtained more scriptural views, and continued, to the end of his days testifying that God is loving to every man in Christ Jesus. For twenty-one years he was actively employed as a local preacher, calling sinners to repentance. Being well versed in the Irish language, he was introduced to our father in Christ, the late Rev. Mr. Wesley, and was, by his direction, appointed an Irish Missionary for the county of Kerry, and was received upon trial at the Conference in the year 1790.

For nearly thirty-four years he laboured in the ministry, and the greater part of that time he was an Irish Missionary. In this arduous work he laboured faithfully, and God working with him added many seals to his ministry. In the chapels of our connexion, in the fairs and markets, in season and out of season, he was abundant in labours, beseeching men "to be reconciled to God." He was a man of plain and sound understanding. As a preacher his abilities were highly energetic and useful; his powerful appeals to his street congregations, in the Irish language, were pathetic, and sometimes overwhelming; the multitudes heard, and trembled, and fell. As a believer in Christ he was humble, serious and holy; a man deeply devoted to God. When no longer able to proceed on his mission, he was favoured with more than ordinary influ-

ences of the Holy Spirit, as if the Great Master had already said, "Well done, good and faithful servant." During his confinement he endured much pain with patience and fortitude.

Near the close of life he spoke little; yet his whole soul was wrapped up in the blessed hope of immortality; and he was often heard to repeat these words—

"The age that in heaven they spend,
For ever and ever shall last."

He gently fell asleep on the bosom of his Lord, in Athlone, on the 23rd of April, 1824.

WILLIAM GILCRIEST, in the forty-seventh year of his age and the fourteenth of his active ministry. In consequence of a sudden and violent mental affliction, he was obliged to retire from his ministry for two years before his death; having somewhat recovered, he was induced to renew his labours, and an opportunity offering on the Manorhamilton Circuit, he made an attempt; but he soon caught cold, and fever ensuing, after a month's confinement he departed this life in the Lord. During his illness he possessed his soul in patience, often expressing his confidence in God as his father and portion.

He was a truly pious man, of an excellent character, and respectable ministerial talents. He was an affectionate brother, a faithful fellow-labourer, and a truly humble follower of his Lord and Saviour, in whom he trusted. His mortal affliction ended on the 25th of February last.

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?

A. As follows, viz:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin*,	William Stewart, William Reilly, John Hill; Thomas W. Doolittle, Book-Steward; William Smith, John Clegg, Supernumeraries; John Kerr, William Ferguson, James M'Keown, Superannuated.

2	*Longford,*	Robert Strong, Nathaniel Hobart; Richard Price, Supernumerary.
3	*Drogheda,*	David Waugh, Richard T. Tracy.
4	*Castleblayney,*	John Clendinnen, Samuel M'Dowell.
5	*Wicklow,*	William Douglas, Richard Phillips; Alex. Moore, Superannuated.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

6	*Waterford,*	Thomas Waugh, John Rogers.
7	*Carlow,*	Gustavus Armstrong, James Olliffe; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
8	*Newtownbarry,*	William Crook, James Stuart, John Nash.

JAMES OLLIFFE, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

9	*Cork,*	Matthew Tobias, John F. Mathews; Danl. M'Mullen, Superannuated.
10	*Bandon,*	Henry Deery, Matthew Lanktree, jun., Andrew Hamilton, sen., Supernumerary. The single Preacher of the Bandon Circuit is to change once a quarter with the Skibbereen preacher.
11	*Skibbereen,*	John Wilson.
12	*Mallow,*	Thomas Ballard.

MATTHEW TOBIAS, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

13	*Limerick,*	Samuel Wood, John Carey.
14	*Tralee,*	William Foote. The Tralee Preacher is to change with the Dingle Missionary two Sundays in six weeks.
15	*Roscrea,*	Andrew Hamilton, jun., John Holmes; Francis Russell, Supernumerary; Michael Murphy, Superannuated.

16 *Cloughjordan,* Robert Bruce.
17 *Mountrath,* James Johnston, Joshua Harman, Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.

SAMUEL WOOD, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

18 *Tullamore,* George Stephenson, John Snow, James M'Kee, Supernumerary, James Sterling, Superannuated.
19 *Castlebar,* John Hamilton, Edward Johnston.
20 *Ballina,* John Crozier Irvine, William M'Cormick, Charles M'Cormick, Supernumeraries.

GEORGE STEPHENSON, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

21 *Clones & Caran,* Samuel Downing, James Irwin, John Wiggins, Superannuated.
22 *Boyle and Killeshandra,* John Wright, Fossey Tuckerberry: King Barran, Superannuated.
23 *Monaghan and Aughnacloy,* George Burrows, Joseph Crofts: John Jeffs, Supernumerary: Thomas Barber, William Armstrong, Superannuated.

GEORGE BURROWS, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

24 *Enniskillen and Brookborough,* James Rutledge, William Pollock, Henry Price: Robert Crozier, Supernumerary.
25 *Sligo,* Samuel Harpur, William Richey.
26 *Manorhamilton,* Castor Clements, James Lamb: William Hamilton, Superannuated.

JAMES RUTLEDGE, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

27 *Londonderry and Strabane,* James C. Pratt, Robert Wilson; Francis Armstrong, Supernumerary; James Smith, Superannuated.

28 *Irvinestown*, Edward Hazelton, George M'Elwain.
29 *Newtownstewart*, John Foster, Joseph Edgerton Robert Carson, Supernumerary; Matthew Stuart, John M'Arthur, Superannuated.

EDWARD HAZELTON, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

30 *Belfast*, John Stuart, Alexander Mackey; Blakely Dowling, Supernumerary.
31 *Donaghadee*, William Keys, William Guard.
32 *Downpatrick*, Alexander Sturgeon, Claudius Byrne.
33 *Carrickfergus*, Archibald Murdoch, Michael Burrows.
34 *Coleraine*, Charles Mayne, James B. Gillman; John Dinnen, Supernumerary.
35 *Lisburn*, Daniel Pedlow, William Kidd.

CHARLES MAYNE, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

36 *Newry*, ThomasRidgeway, RobertMasaroon; John Hamilton, Supernumerary; Thomas Brown, Superannuated.
37 *Dungannon*, Robert Cranston, JohnRemmington.
38 *Armagh and Charlemont*, William Armstrong, Robert Beauchamp.
39 *Lurgan*, John Nelson, John Armstrong; John Malcomson, Superannuated.
40 *Tanderagee*, James Carter, John Nesbitt; Zachariah Worrell, John Wilson, Superannuated.

THOMAS RIDGEWAY, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

1 *Swords*, James Bell.
2 *Dunlavin*, Andrew Taylor.
[redacted] *County Kilkenny*, Robert Bailey.
[redacted] *oughal*, Thomas Lougheed.

5 *Cove of Cork*, Samuel Kyle.
6 *Dingle*, Francis Stephens.
7 *Killaloe & Kilrush*, Henry Benson, James Patterson—These are to change quarterly.
8 *Galway & Connemara*, John Feely, James Sullivan.
9 *Erris*, William Cornwall.
10 *Banagher*, Arthur Noble.
11 *Westmeath*, George Hansbrow.
12 *Trim*, Gideon Ouseley, John Stethem Wilson. Brother Wilson is to change quarterly with the Dunlavin Missionary.
13 *Donegal*, Charles M'Cord, John Campbell.
14 *Rathmelton & Stranorlar*, Jas. M'Cutcheon, Archibald Campbell.
15 *Ballymena*, Matthew Lanktree, sen., Edward Cobain.

The Missionary Stations are attached to their several Districts as follows, viz:

1. Swords, Dunlavin, and Trim, to the Dublin District.
2. Kilkenny to the Waterford District.
3. Youghal and Cove, to the Cork District.
4. Dingle, Killaloe, and Kilrush, to the Limerick District.
5. Galway, Erris, Banagher, and Westmeath, to the Tullamore District.
6. Donegal, to the Enniskillen District.
7. Rathmelton and Stranorlar, to the Londonderry District.
8. Ballymena, to the Belfast District.

Q. 7. How many wives are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-one.

Q. 8. How are these to be provided for?

A. By the respective Districts, in the following proportions, viz:—

Dublin .	7	Limerick .	4
Waterford .	3¾	Tullamore .	1¾
Cork .	5¾	Clones .	5

Enniskillen	8½	Belfast	8
Londonderry	7	Newry	10¼

Q. 8. What are the numbers in our Society?

A. As follows, viz:

Dublin	1105	Downpatrick	180
Longford	178	Coleraine	346
Drogheda	308	Lisburn	750
Castleblayney	430	Newry	346
Wicklow	323	Dungannon	925
Waterford	230	Armagh & Charlemont	616
Clonmel	220	Lurgan	1030
Carlow	300	Tanderagee	856
Newtownbarry	422		
Cork and Cove	495	MISSIONS.	
Bandon	877	County Dublin	50
Skibbereen	336	County Kilkenny	60
Mallow	135	Youghal and County Waterford	70
Limerick	360	South Cork	35
Milltown	100	Kilrush	41
Roscrea	273	Counties of Clare and Tipperary	51
Cloughjordan	150	Dingle	38
Mountrath	396	Counties of Galway & Roscommon	60
Tullamore	220	County Mayo & Connemara	9
Castlebar	126	King's County and County Westmeath	77
Ballina	240	Counties of Meath, Cavan & Monaghan	109
*Sligo	579	Fews	105
Clones and Cavan	436	Killybegs	104
Boyle & Killeshandra	580	Castlederg & Ballaghneed	116
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	688	Rathmelton	132
Enniskillen	1157	Ballymena & Maghera	356
Manorhamilton	700	County of Down	156
Ballyshannon	277		
Irvinestown	1130		22,047
Londonderry	412		
Newtownstewart	740		
Newtownlimavaddy	107		
Belfast	420		
Donaghadee	467		
Carrickfergus	512		

* There was a mistake of 116 too many in the returns from this Circuit *last year.*

Q. 10. What has been contributed towards the Preachers' Fund?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin	20	6	2	Donaghadee and Newtownards	1	3	1
Longford	1	2	6	Downpatrick	1	0	0
Drogheda	2	16	6	Carrickfergus	1	10	0
Castleblayney	1	1	8	Coleraine	1	1	0
Wicklow	2	2	0	Lisburn	3	11	10
Waterford	2	2	0	Newry	1	10	0
Clonmel	2	2	0	Dungannon	3	0	0
Carlow	1	7	6	Armagh & Charlemont	1	0	0
Newtownbarry	2	7	6	Lurgan	2	12	6
Cork	22	18	6	Tanderagee	2	0	0
Bandon	8	17	4	MISSIONS.			
Skibbereen	1	0	0	Dublin	2	2	0
Mallow	1	0	0	Kilkenny	1	0	0
Limerick	4	0	0	Youghal	1	0	0
Milltown	1	0	0	South Cork	1	0	0
Roscrea	2	0	0	Kilrush	1	0	0
Cloughjordan	1	0	0	Clare&Tipperary	1	0	0
Mountrath	1	0	0	Dingle	2	0	0
Tullamore	2	1	6	Galway	1	0	0
Castlebar	2	2	0	Mayo, &c.	1	0	0
Ballina	1	0	0	King's Co. &c.	1	0	0
Sligo	2	12	6	Meath, &c.	1	0	0
Clones & Cavan	1	0	0	Fews	1	0	0
Boyle & Killeshandra	1	5	0	Killybegs	1	0	0
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	1	5	0	Castlederg	1	0	0
Enniskillen and Brookborough	1	12	10	Rathmelton	1	0	0
Manorhamilton	1	0	0	Ballymena	1	0	0
Ballyshannon	1	0	0	Down	1	0	0
Irvinestown	1	0	0		138	13	11
Londonderry and Strabane	1	0	0	Mr. Hill's Donation	9	4	7
Newtownlimavaddy	1	0	0	Mrs. Deeves' Legacy	11	8	0
Newtownstewart	1	1	0		159	6	6
Belfast	4	0	0				

N.B.—According to usage, the above contributions have been forwarded to the Committee of the Auxiliary Fund in England, to be distributed by them in distressing cases among the Irish claimants.

Q. 11. What has been contributed by the Circuits, towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin	47	9	7	Boyle	2	7	3½
Longford	3	10	4	Monaghan	4	5	6
Drogheda	9	12	0	Enniskillen	2	12	2
Castleblayney	3	10	0	Manorhamilton	2	2	0
Wicklow	8	14	6	Ballyshannon	1	10	2
Waterford	9	12	5	Irvinestown	3	1	0
Clonmel	2	6	2	Londonderry	3	16	6
Carlow	6	0	0	Newtownlima-			
Newtownbarry	6	3	2	vaddy	1	0	0
Cork	14	2	1	Newtownstewart	1	17	8
Bandon	14	1	6	Belfast	11	12	0
Skibbereen	1	11	3	Donaghadee	4	13	4
Mallow	6	2	10	Downpatrick	2	1	3
Limerick	7	12	5	Carrickfergus	6	15	0
Milltown	2	5	3	Coleraine	4	5	0
Roscrea	10	0	0	Lisburn	6	18	0
Cloughjordan	3	0	0	Newry	3	13	9
Mountrath	5	18	0	Dungannon	3	2	0
Tullamore	5	8	10½	Armagh.	6	6	8
Castlebar	4	6	7	Lurgan	5	4	6
Ballina	2	0	0	Tanderagee	8	10	0
Sligo	5	12	6				
Clones	2	12	0		£267	5	3

N.B.—For the amount of contributions to the Missionary Fund, see the Annual Report of the Hibernian Methodist Missionary Society for the present year.

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin	90	1	6	Wicklow	11	6	0
Longford	4	0	8	Waterford	17	0	0
Drogheda	21	4	2	Clonmel	5	3	4
Castleblayney	4	0	0	Carlow	11	4	0

Newtownbarry	19	0	0	Carrickfergus	0	0	0
Cork	45	13	5½	Coleraine	3	0	8
Bandon	29	8	9	Lisburn	5	10	0
Skibbereen	5	17	2	Newry	5	2	0
Mallow	9	10	0	Dungannon	7	4	3
Limerick	8	16	5	Armagh.	7	0	0
Milltown	12	12	6	Lurgan	6	9	4
Roscrea	10	0	0	Tanderagee	3	0	5
Cloughjordan	4	11	0	MISSIONS.			
Mountrath	6	17	2	County Dublin	0	0	0
Tullamore	10	8	3	Kilkenny	5	7	0
Castlebar	8	12	10	Co. Waterford	10	18	1
Ballina	5	1	0	South Cork	0	0	0
Sligo	10	4	0	Kilrush	5	7	7
Clones	3	17	0	Clare & Tipperary	2	3	4
Boyle	8	5	3	Dingle	3	14	6
Monaghan	8	5	0	Galway	3	6	0
Enniskillen	9	7	6	Mayo	0	0	0
Manorhamilton	5	12	0	King's County	0	0	0
Ballyshannon	1	6	0	Meath, &c.	0	0	0
Irvinestown	7	2	0	Fews	0	0	0
Londonderry	5	5	10	Killybegs	0	0	0
Newtownlimavaddy	1	0	0	Castlederg	0	11	5½
Newtownstewart	6	0	6	Rathmelton	8	10	1
Belfast	11	9	11	Ballymena	0	0	0
Donaghadee	5	10	0	Down	0	0	0
Downpatrick	3	0	6		503	18	5

Q. 13. How are the Preachers' children to be provided for?

A. The number of children having claims for maintenance in Ireland, in the ensuing year, is 167; the number for education is 101. The following statement shall regulate the proportions of the Districts and Circuits.

Districts	Members	Maintenance of Children.	Education of Children.
Dublin,	2544	19¼	12
Waterford,	1172	9¾	5¾
Cork,	1843	15¼	9½
Limerick,	1279	10½	6¼
Tullamore,	586	4¼	2¾

Districts	Members	Maintenance of Children.	Education of Children.
Clones,	1704	14	$8\frac{1}{4}$
Enniskillen,	2713	22	$13\frac{1}{2}$
Londonderry,	2389	19	$11\frac{1}{4}$
Belfast,	2675	22	$13\frac{1}{4}$
Newry,	3773	$30\frac{3}{4}$	$18\frac{1}{2}$

Q. 14. What probable sum can be allowed from the Book-room, to be added to the Yearly Collection of the ensuing year, in order to assist in meeting the general deficiency?

	£	s.	d.
A. The Yearly Collection of 1825, may, it is hoped, amount to	540	0	0
From the Book-room . .	500	0	0
	1040	0	0
The Dublin District may divide a sum not exceeding . .	20	0	0
Waterford, Do. . .	80	0	0
Cork, Do. . .	80	0	0
Limerick, Do. . .	50	0	0
Tullamore, Do. . .	30	0	0
Clones, Do. . .	126	0	0
Enniskillen, Do. . .	166	0	0
Londonderry Do. . .	156	0	0
Belfast, Do. . .	116	0	0
Newry, Do. . .	216	0	0
	1040	0	0

Q. 15. What is the state and number of our Sunday Schools in Ireland?

A. As follows, viz.:—

Circuits.	Schools.	Scholars.	Circuits.	Schools.	Scholars.
Dublin	5	400	Clonmel	1	90
Longford	—	—	Carlow	2	50
Drogheda	1	130	Newtownbarry	1	40
Castleblayney	7	214	Cork	1	120
Wicklow	3	253	Bandon	5	400
Waterford	1	90	Skibbereen	1	10

Circuits.	Schools.	Scholars.
Mallow	—	—
Limerick	1	100
Milltown	1	20
Roscrea	4	200
Cloughjordan	2	210
Mountrath	3	250
Tullamore	1	270
Castlebar	—	—
Ballina	2	40
Sligo	2	50
Clones & Cavan	2	120
Boyle & Killeshandra	—	—
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	7	245
Enniskillen	7	400
Manorhamilton	2	60
Ballyshannon	1	15
Irvinestown	7	250
Londonderry	2	80
Newtn.limavaddy	2	60
Newtownstewart	5	295
Belfast	2	480
Donaghadee	5	370
Downpatrick	—	—
Carrickfergus	8	658
Coleraine	1	100
Lisburn	6	480
Newry	—	—
Dungannon	8	683
Armagh	7	260
Lurgan	6	510
Tanderagee	8	500
MISSIONS.		
County Dublin	—	—
County Kilkenny	—	—
County Waterford and Youghal	—	—
South Cork	—	—
Kilrush	—	—
Counties of Clare and Tipperary	—	—
Dingle	1	20
Counties of Galway & Roscommon	—	—
County Mayo and Connemara	—	—
King's County and Co. Westmeath	—	—
Cos. of Meath, Cavan & Monaghan	—	—
Fews	1	98
Killybegs	—	—
Castlederg	2	240
Rathmelton	2	150
Ballymena	1	100
County of Down	1	80
	138	9191

Q. 16. What is the judgment of the Conference with regard to debts that may be contracted in building Chapels, &c.?

A. The Conference will not be responsible for any debt that may be incurred, by the building or enlargement of Chapels, &c., unless the consent of the Conference for such responsibility shall have been previously obtained in writing.

Q. 17. What shall be done to render the Yearly Collection more productive?

A. Whatever sum shall be contributed by any Circuit, to that collection, above what it has produced in the preceding year, shall be applied to lessen its deficiencies; and on the contrary, whatever it shall fall short shall be added to its deficiencies.

Q. 18. What Chapels are to be built this year?

A. One at Delgany, on the Wicklow Circuit. One at Gorey, on the Newtownbarry Circuit. One at Abbeyleix, on the Mountrath Circuit. One at Portstewart, on the Coleraine Circuit.

Q. 19. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun. William Smith, Matthew Tobias, John Stuart, Henry Deery, William Stewart, Charles Mayne, Thomas Waugh, David Waugh, William Ferguson, Thomas W. Doolittle, and the other Dublin Preachers.

Q. 20. Who are the Building and Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, Samuel Wood, Henry Deery, Charles Mayne, George Stephenson, Robert Banks, Francis Russell, Thomas Waugh; together with ten brethren, not being travelling Preachers, who shall be chosen, one by each District.

Q. 21. What directions shall be given to our friends in the country, who wish to be supplied with tracts?

A. Applications shall be made to Mr. Doolittle, 8 Lower Abbey-street, who will forward the tracts ordered, by the monthly parcels, to the amount of the remittances.

Q. 22. When shall the different Committees meet, previously to the sitting of the ensuing Conference?

A. The Chairmen of Districts, on Wednesday 6th of July, at 6 o'clock, A.M. The Stationing Committee, on Thursday the 7th, at 6 o'clock, A.M. The Chapel Fund Committee on Saturday the 9th, at one o'clock, P.M.

N.B—Brother William Stewart, Treasurer; brother Thomas Waugh, Secretary, to the Yearly Collection.

Q. 23. Who are the Committee for liquidating the debt of the Connexion?

A. William George Eades, Adolphus Nordblad, Henry Heney, Christopher Hamilton, John Healy, Arthur Williams, William Osborne, Archibald Wilson.

Q. 24. Who are the Missionary Committee to review the concerns of the Missions at the ensuing Conference?

A. Matthew Tobias, Henry Deery, Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Wm. Stewart, John Stuart, David Waugh, Charles Mayne, John Howe, Thomas Waugh. Messrs. James Wood, Thomas Elms, James Salter, Cork; Adolphus Norblad, Dublin; Thomas Tracy, Limerick; John Busteed, Tralee; James Scott, Henry Cornwall, Bandon; Joseph Higgins, Clonmel; William Brown, Youghal.

Q. 25. What can be done to further the interests of religion in our Connexion?

A. Let the same day, viz., the third Friday in September next, which was appointed to be held in all our Societies last year, as a day of special humiliation, fasting and prayer, be observed in the most solemn manner by all our people; that the united prayers of the whole Connexion may, at the same time, be offered up to Almighty God for the outpouring of his Holy Spirit, and for the revival of his blessed work. And let the Quarterly Fasts, in our Societies, be most strictly and conscientiously observed.

Q. 26. What are the feelings of the Conference, with regard to the obligations they are under to the Society, and other friends in Dublin, who so kindly and courteously entertained the Preachers at their annual meetings for so many years past?

A. It was unanimously resolved, that the most cordial and grateful acknowledgements of the Conference be most affectionately presented to the Society of Dublin; especially to those families, as well of our own Society as other friends, who so kindly and hospitably received our brethren from year to year?

Q. 27. What is the judgment of the Conference, in respect of the place where it shall be held in the year 1826?

A. It is the unanimous judgment of the Conference, that it shall be held in Dublin.

Q. 28. Who are our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. Charles Mayne, and John Stuart.

Q. 29. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in August next.

Q. 30. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Cork, on Friday the 8th of July, 1825.

HENRY MOORE, *President.*
ANDW. HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 6th, 1824.

DONATIONS, &c.

	£	s.	d.
James Hill, Esq., by Brother A. Hamilton, jun.	90	0	0
Mrs. Brackenbury, by the Rev. Henry Moore	108	6	8
Mrs. Young	32	10	0
Miss M'Murran's Legacy	10	0	0
Interest on Mrs. Shiel's Legacy ...	4	10	8
Rev. James Lynch, of Madras, by the Rev. Joseph Taylor	54	3	4
Sundries by the Rev. Robert Newton ...	57	15	4½
Westmeath, extra	2	12	6
Donation from a friend, by Brother J. Stuart	1	0	0
	360	18	6½

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Interest on money	253	13	5½
Expense of Newtownlimavaddy ...	19	10	0
Mistake in Brother Hamilton's account last year	13	11	9
Brother Worrell, for two children, not paid last year	8	13	4
Grass bill	31	10	10
	326	19	4½

THE Conference being most anxious to afford every satisfaction respecting the mode of publishing our annual accounts, beg leave to state, that after the example of our English Brethren, having ascertained the number of Preachers' wives and children for maintenance and education, &c., we calculate at each Conference the probable expense of the whole Connexion for the ensuing year, and the gross amount is distributed in equal proportions among the several Districts, according to the numbers in Society in each District. At the Financial District Meeting, which is appointed to be held in the month of August following, at which the General Steward, with the Superintendent, of each Circuit, is required to attend, the amount which the District is expected to provide is proportioned to the different Circuits in the District, upon the principle of numbers taken in connexion with the circumstances or abilities of the people.

A calculation is made at the same time of the probable amount of Yearly Collection, and the profits which may be expected from the Book Room, and the amount resulting from these two sources, is divided in equable proportions to the Districts, to be by them distributed to the Circuits, for the purpose of enabling every Circuit to meet the particular demand which is laid upon it. The help thus afforded, together with the Quarterage, Education Collection, Extra Collection, or Donations, which may be raised on the Circuit, constitute the whole of its pecuniary resources. And when, by these a Circuit or District is enabled to meet all the demands laid upon it, such District or Circuit appears in the Minutes, of course, without a deficiency; but to whatever amount any Circuit or District falls short of meeting its required proportion of the whole expense, it is consequently returned so much deficient, and this deficiency the Conference is left to provide for as it can.

As the Circuit Stewards are required to be present in

all our District Meetings, both before and after the Conference, and these accounts are regulated by their counsel and concurrence, and the entries of all receipts and disbursements stand recorded in their books; after stating the number of wives and children to be provided for, and acknowledging the amount of the different public collections from each Circuit, it is deemed unnecessary to enter into further detail in the Minutes of Conference; but refer those friends who wish for further information on the subject to the Stewards' Books, where those details are recorded.

According to our foregoing regulations we here subjoin a statement of our

GENERAL DEFICIENCY THIS YEAR, VIZ.

Dublin	82	2	1	Boyle	2	2	1
Longford	46	10	1	Monaghan	0	16	8½
Drogheda	45	6	11	Enniskillen	18	16	10½
Castleblayney	82	2	8	Manorhamilton	5	13	2½
Wicklow	41	4	0½	Ballyshannon	36	16	2
Waterford	5	4	2	Irvinestown	43	11	1½
Clonmel	26	6	7	Londonderry	29	2	8½
Carlow	24	14	7	Newtownlima-			
Newtownbarry	20	15	3	vaddy	9	14	8½
Cork	0	0	0	Newtownstewart	42	5	11
Bandon	47	18	3	Belfast	0	0	0
Skibbereen	0	0	0	Donaghadee	16	16	0
Mallow	0	0	0	Downpatrick	11	2	5
Limerick	20	18	9	Carrickfergus	0	0	0
Milltown	30	2	0	Coleraine	9	13	5
Roscrea.	25	1	10	Lisburn	31	18	4
Cloughjordan	13	13	10	Newry	3	0	0
Mountrath	30	0	7	Dungannon	56	15	1
Tullamore	27	3	8	Armagh	0	0	0
Castlebar	11	8	8	Lurgan	35	10	11
Ballina	11	0	0	Tanderagee	22	5	11½
Sligo	13	12	5				
Clones	31	4	3		1012	18	8

N.B.—Mrs. Copeland's generous Donation of 18*l.* 4*s.* has reduced the Waterford deficiency to the above sum.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

1824 CONFERENCE, DR.	£	s.	d.
To Donations, of the Preachers and friends in England, sent by our Representatives, from the last British Conference ...	996	2	6
Ditto, since sent by Doctor Clarke ...	10	16	8
„ „ by Rev. Joseph Taylor ...	11	2	1
Ditto, from sundry friends received at this Conference	360	18	6
Granted by the British Conference towards the Education of the Children of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	270	10	0
Balance	596	16	4
	2246	6	1

1824 CONFERENCE, CR.	£	s.	d.
By Balance of nett deficiency of 1823 ...	906	8	0½
By general deficiency of this year ...	1012	18	8
By Miscellaneous Expenses, Do. ...	326	19	4½
	2246	6	1

The Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very dear Fathers and Brethren,

The period in which we are called to renew the expressions of our regard, has arrived; and the recurrence of it is peculiary grateful to our hearts. On no former occasion were we more deeply impressed with a sense of obligation for your continued kindness, and your ardent solicitude for the success of that portion of the work of the Lord committed to our trust.

Your annual Address, expressive of your fervent desires for the extension of the Saviour's kingdom throughout the world, and especially your sympathy for Ireland, your earnest wishes, incessant prayers, and benevolent exertions in behalf of this the land of our nativity, excited in us the liveliest feelings, strengthened the bonds of our christian union, inspired us with renewed zeal, cheered us under pressing difficulties, and called forth our thankful acknowledgements to the Great Head of the Church, who hath made us, as one body, animated by the same Spirit, to be "like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, and of one mind."

We cannot but feel pained, that after the lapse of another year, the spirit of insurrectionary faction has not subsided in our country. In some districts, outrages, very disgraceful to our national character, have prevailed to an alarming extent. It was hoped that a mild and lenient administration of our salutary laws, together with the prompt benevolence of Great Britain in the day of adversity and famine, would have checked the progress of crime, and have allayed those prejudices which had been kept alive by designing men; but we regret that, in the attainment of these desirable objects, we have been disappointed.

Many of our beloved brethren in the disturbed parts, have been exposed to imminent dangers. They have not, however, in any instance, declined from their regular course, nor shrunk from the call of their ministerial duty.

Amidst all their painful exercises and trials, they have realised the encouragement of that word of promise, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God:" and though "in journeyings often—in perils by our own countrymen—in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often," yet God hath made a way for our escape, comforted us in our tribulations, and preserved us to the praise of his glory.

Notwithstanding that undeniable facts afford a gloomy representation of the state of our beloved country, yet we are not in despair, but would indulge the encouraging anticipation of beholding a brighter scene, when this darkness shall have passed away, and the midnight of our grief be dispelled; when we shall be made "glad according to the days wherein we have been afflicted, and the years wherein we have seen evil," and when after having "sown in tears, we shall reap in joy."

This expectation is considerably strengthened by your interesting communication, on the subject of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We desire to unite in the general supplication for his convincing, converting, and sanctifying influences. And we also feel encouraged in this pleasing hope, by many gracious visitations vouchsafed to our congregations during the past year, and by a deepening of the work in many of our Societies. We are conscious of the force of that declaration, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord;" and that it is He who giveth the increase. While, therefore, we labour for Him, we desire to do it in the spirit of prayer, knowing that the wisest plans, the best concerted measures, the most powerful means, and the most zealous efforts, will be unavailing without his special aid and blessing.

We greatly rejoice in the prosperity which hath attended your ministrations. Our hearts are filled with thanksgivings for the many thousands who from year to year, have been brought through your instrumentality, "out of darkness into light," and "turned from Satan unto God." There can be no doubt that similar effects will continually follow your exertions, while there is the same steadfast reliance upon God, the same faithful declaration of his

truth, and a strict adherence to that scriptural system of doctrines and discipline which God had so eminently acknowledged among us as a people. But it is cause of grief that we cannot afford you ground of mutual rejoicing on account of an increase in our Societies. Our decrease in numbers however, must be attributed, not to a decline of the work of God, but to a variety of local circumstances, which have unsettled many families. By emigration alone, we have been deprived of nearly five hundred of our dear people. But though removed to another soil, they are not lost to the Church of God, nor to the Methodist Society.

Our attention during our sittings has been especially directed to those means by which the work of God may be promoted and revived among us; and under the Divine influence and blessing, we are more than ever resolved to "work while it is called to-day," to "preach the word, to be instant in season and out of season, to reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine," that we may give "full proof of our ministry." We also feel determined on increased exertions to extend and establish Sunday and Daily Schools for the children of the poor, to render their instruction more spiritual, and to enforce more strenuously upon the members of our Society the necessity of bringing up their offspring "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We believe that our labour shall not be in vain in the Lord, and that He will give us to behold a spiritual plantation growing under our hand, adorned with "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

It is with peculiar feelings that we would record our gratitude for your substantial benevolence under our pecuniary distresses. Your affectionate consideration of us, at your last Conference, wherein you abounded toward us in love yet more and more, has placed us under additional obligations, and afforded us, if possible, still stronger proofs that we live in your affections, and that you esteem the cause in which we are mutually engaged as the same.

At our last Conference we endeavoured as far as practicable, to assimilate our financial arrangements with yours. But though this improvement afforded general satisfaction

and led to an increased exertion, yet we have reason to deplore a very heavy deficiency. It is painful and oppressive to us, that in our Addresses from year to year, we have to state our weighty and unavoidable embarrassments. "Hitherto," however, "the Lord hath helped us;" and we believe that "he will not leave nor forsake us."

The report of our Irish Missions has this year afforded increasing satisfaction: God has blessed the labours of our Missionaries, and new and promising openings present themselves. By the recommendation of your Missionary Committee, we have made considerable improvement in our Mission Stations, by increasing the number of our Preachers on them, and confining and concentrating their labours. The addition of Schools, which the Committee kindly encourage and support, will, we hope, form an important auxiliary to that department of our work. We trust that the resolutions of the Committee will receive your approbation.

This year we feel peculiarly indebted to you for the appointment of our beloved and venerated countryman, the Rev. Dr. Clarke, as our President. Of his discernment, wisdom and ability in that important office we need not write anything. His zeal for our cause, his love for our country, and his deep anxiety for ourselves, have made lasting impressions upon us, and confirmed our former attachment. His visits both in the north and south, and his public ministrations in this city, were attended with a peculiar blessing. The presence of our highly respected brother, the Rev. John Stamp, was as grateful to us as it was advantageous to our concerns. He entered into our affairs with interest and cordiality; and to him we owe much for his knowledge, promptitude, ministerial labours, and affection. We regret that anything should have prevented the expected visit of our revered friend and brother, the Rev. Henry Moore.

We send as our Representatives, our much-loved brethren, Messrs. Matthew Tobias and William Stewart. They are the long-tried friends and servants of our cause; they are fully acquainted with our affairs; and to their wisdom and fidelity, we confidently commit the management of our business.

It will increase your rejoicing on our account, that we have had a happy Conference, and that we proceed to our several appointments with strength renewed. We desire to feel to the utmost the great responsibility of our situation, to discharge all those duties which are assigned to us, and to labour as those who have to give an account.

May the Gospel be speedily preached among all nations; the kingdom of Christ come with power to this land; and "the word of the Lord have free course and be glorified even as it is with you."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

SAMUEL WOOD, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 7, 1823.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS FROM THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

Our hearts' desire and prayer to God, is, that grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, may be abundantly multiplied to you, and to the people under your pastoral care. We have received and read your affectionate Annual Address with mingled feelings of gratitude, commiseration, sympathy, and love. We thank God on your behalf, that His gracious providence has extended its protection to you in the midst of the most alarming factions, insurrections, and outrages; that you have been preserved in the unity of the Spirit, in purity of doctrine, and in the maintenance of our wholesome discipline, and that your labours have not been in vain in the Lord. Be assured there never was a period in which you shared a larger portion of our most sincere and ardent brotherly love. We feel ourselves eminently one body, by a special and indissoluble bond of union; we are labourers together in the vineyard and household of our God; and as the children of the same spiritual family, we have tenderly cared for you. "Ye

are continually in our hearts to live and die with you." Knowing your tribulations and sufferings for the Lord's sake, we have been solicitous that our love should not be in word only, but in deed and in truth; that our christian sympathy should be manifested by administering to your necessities; and that you might have some consolation in this expression of our regard.

Your country has indeed presented a most appalling aspect. The spirit of insubordination, the violation of social order, and the most atrocious and sanguinary crimes which you have witnessed of late in awful succession, must doubtless have agonized your hearts, and given you continual sorrow; and as patriots, christians, and ministers of God, you have mourned and wept, and prayed, saying, "Spare thy people, O Lord;" and "turn the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just." Be not discouraged, be of good comfort: though ye have been troubled on every side, perplexed, and sometimes cast down, you have not been given for a prey, neither have the floods overwhelmed you; because you are the servants of the Most High God. As the kingdom of your Lord and Master is not of this world, your path of duty is plainly marked out. As the messengers of God and of the churches, it is your calling to warn every man of the error of his ways; to teach every man in all wisdom; to watch over and feed the flock of Christ, which he hath purchased with his own blood; to lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty; to be subject unto the higher powers; to fear God and honor the King. We rejoice that in these things your praise is "read and known of all men;" and that the ardour of your zeal in the word and doctrine of Christ has not relaxed, but has been in active, persevering, and increasing operation. You have been building up the walls of your Jerusalem "in troublous times;" and though in consequence of numerous emigrations, and other adverse circumstances, you cannot rejoice in the increase of the number of your members this year, it is our consolation and yours, that you have been honoured with seals to your ministry, and that the people of your charge have been steadfast in the faith, maintaining the "unity of the Spirit," and growing in holiness.

With regard to the work of the Lord with us, we cannot but review the past year with lively feelings of gratitude to Almighty God, "the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." If we look to the east, the west, the north, and the south, we see many gathered into the kingdom of God; we behold the tribes of our spiritual Israel in prosperity, and hear nothing but the voice of harmony and love. Our prospects both foreign and domestic, brighten every year, and our full hearts are constrained to say, "What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits." Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who doeth wondrous things! The Lord hath greatly increased the number of our members this year; in England, our increase is eight thousand and six, and in the foreign Missionary stations, one thousand six hundred and fifty-three, in all, nine thousand six hundred and fifty-nine: and so far as we can judge, we have seldom known a greater number of clear and saving conversions to God, or a more decided character of devotion to God, and practical holiness among our people. On these subjects, and those which relate to the Connexion in general, we need not to enlarge; as our esteemed brethren, Dr. Clarke, who presided in your Conference, and the Rev. John Stamp, who accompanied him, will have given you every necessary information. We anticipated your high gratification in receiving them, and their great usefulness among you. May the fruit of their labours be found after many days to praise, and honour, and glory! We received with particular pleasure the Rev. Matthew Tobias, and the Rev. William Stewart, as your representatives; we recognize in them every qualification necessary for the just and faithful discharge of their official duty; and with them we have been refreshed in the Lord. We have appointed the Rev. Henry Moore, our beloved President, and formerly the intimate friend of our venerable Founder, to preside at your next Conference. We have also unanimously requested our respected Secretary, the Rev. Robert Newton, to accompany him; and trust that they will come to you by the will of God in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace.

We have now dear Brethren, only to add, that in our

assemblies we have endeavoured agreeably to the advice of our Father in the Gospel, Mr. Wesley, "to do all things as in the immediate presence of God." With him we can truly say, "The best of all is, God is with us." We have never felt a greater oneness of sentiment and heart, or more of the unction of the Holy One in the midst of us. But these enjoyments have not been unmixed; we have had to mourn the death of several who have long being labourers together with us, and particularly the sudden removal of the Rev. Messrs. Sargent and Lloyd, who by the overturning of the coach on their way to the Conference, were so much injured, that after lingering only a few days, they finished their mortal pilgrimage, and instead of meeting their brethren in Conference, which they had anticipated, were called to rest from their labours, and to join the glorious assembly of the just before the throne of God. Their loss is deeply regretted by their sorrowing widows, their bereft orphans, and the Church of God. We cannot but exclaim "O Lord, how unsearchable are thy judgments!" and feel ourselves admonished to give all diligence to make our calling and election sure, that as wise and faithful stewards we may be prepared for the coming of our Lord. You see, dear Brethren, we have had to sing of judgment and of mercy. On reviewing the dealings of God with us, his abounding grace toward us in the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the very cheering prospects which present themselves, especially in our various Missionary Stations, we are constrained to "thank God and take courage."

And now, "Brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINDROD, *Sub-Secretary.*

Sheffield, August 11th, 1823.

CORK, Friday, July 8, 1825.

Q. 1. What Preachers are this year admitted into FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. William Guard, John Feely, Matthew Lanktree, jun., James Lamb.

N.B. Henry Benson remains on trial another year, in hope that his deafness may be removed during that time.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. John Wilson, Nathaniel Hobart.

These have travelled three years.

John Stethem Wilson, Fossey Tackaberry, Henry Price, James Benjamin Gillman.

These have travelled two years.

Claudius Byrne, James Sullivan, Robert Beauchamp, James Patterson, Joseph Crofts, John Nash.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers have been ADMITTED ON TRIAL?

A. Frederick Philip Le Maitre, William Rickett.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since the last Conference?

A. 1. JOHN HAMILTON, who died in great peace, in the sixty-second year of his age, and thirty-first of his ministry. He was an humble, devoted, and zealous servant of his adorable Lord and Saviour, to whom he had unreservedly yielded up his soul and body. His simplicity and integrity, his zeal, and patient endurance of many privations, fatigues, and sufferings, during the whole course of his arduous ministry as an Irish missionary, have not been exceeded amongst us. With humble talents, yet with ceaseless prayers and unabating zeal for the salvation of souls, God was pleased to use him as the instrument of the awakening and conversion of hundreds of his fellow-sinners; and in the most destitute, benighted, and remote parts of Ireland, north and west, he was successful in forming several societies. Worn down with continued labours, he left the last Conference much enfeebled, and had scarcely reached his little family when a paralytic affection hastened his *dissolution.*

2. JAMES M'KEE, in the fifty-eighth year of his age. He was a man of deep piety and unremitting zeal. Having obtained mercy, through faith in Christ, he began to exhort and preach in Portaferry, and other places in the Ards, giving full proof of his call to the ministry. Rarely has a prophet been more honoured in his own country. At the Conference, 1793, he was received on trial into our itinerant Connexion. For twenty-nine years he laboured faithfully, acceptably, and successfully. Some years before his death his health was in a declining state; but his patient and steady zeal continued unabated, until, seized by an inflammatory disorder, his useful life was suddenly terminated. His sufferings were severe, but his consolations abounded; he saw death rapidly approaching, but the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life inspired him with perfect resignation and gave him final victory.

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?

A. As follows, viz:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	Samuel Wood, William Reilly, John Holmes; Thomas W. Doolittle, Book-Steward; John Kerr, Michael Murphy, William Smith, William Ferguson, James M'Keown, John Clegg, Supernumeraries.
2	*Drogheda,*	David Waugh, Richard Taylor Tracy.
3	*Castleblayney,*	John Nesbitt, James Stuart.
4	*Wicklow,*	John Rogers, John Nash; Alexander Moore, Supernumerary.

SAMUEL WOOD, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

5	*Waterford,*	Thomas Waugh, John Carey.
6	*Carlow,*	Gustavus Armstrong, James Olliffe; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.

7 *Newtownbarry*, William Douglas, John Clendinnen.
8 *Wexford*, John Hadden, John Wilson.
JAMES OLLIFFE, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

9 *Cork and Cove*, William Stewart, John Frazer Mathews; Daniel M'Mullen, Supernumerary.
10 *Bandon*, Matthew Tobias, William Richey; Andrew Hamilton, sen., Supernumerary.
11 *Skibbereen*, Matthew Lanktree, jun.
12 *Mallow*, John Stethem Wilson.
WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

13 *Limerick*, Henry Deery, Thomas Lougheed.
14 *Tralee*, Richard Phillips.
15 *Roscrea*, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Joseph Crofts; Francis Russell, Supernumerary.
16 *Cloughjordan*, Robert Bruce.
HENRY DEERY, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

17 *Tullamore*, George Stephenson, John Howe; James Sterling, Supernumerary.
18 *Mountrath*, James Johnston, Fossey Tackaberry; Thomas Kerr, Joshua Harman, Supernumeraries.
19 *Longford*, Robert Strong, Nathaniel Hobart; Richard Price, Supernumerary.
GEORGE STEPHENSON, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

20 *Sligo*, William Crook, William Rickett.
21 *Castlebar*, Edward Johnston, Charles M'Cormick.
22 *Ballina*, John Crozier Irvine; William M'Cornock, Supernumerary.
WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. The Clones District.

23 *Clones & Cavan* Samuel Dowling, James Irwin.
24 *Boyle & Killeshandra*, William Pollock, Frederick Philip Le Maitre; King Barton; Supernumerary.
25 *Monaghan & Aughnacloy*, William Armstrong, jun., Thomas Ballard; Thomas Barber, William Armstrong, sen., Supernumeraries.

Samuel Downing, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. The Enniskillen District.

26 *Enniskillen & Brookborough*, John Waugh, Edward Cobain, Henry Benson; Robert Crozier, Supernumerary.
27 *Manorhamilton*, Castor Clements, James Lamb; Wm. Hamilton, Supernumerary.

John Waugh, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. The Londonderry District.

28 *Londonderry*, James C. Pratt, Joseph Edgerton; Francis Armstrong, James Smith, Supernumeraries.
29 *Irvinestown*, Edward Hazelton, Archibald Campbell.
30 *Newtownstewart*, George Burrows, Robert Beauchamp; Matthew Stewart, John M'Arthur, Robert Carson, Supernumeraries.

James C. Pratt, *Chairman of the District.*

X. The Belfast District.

31 *Belfast*, John Stuart, Alexander Mackey; Blakely Dowling, Supernumerary.
32 *Donaghadee*, William Keys, John Hill.
33 *Downpatrick*, Alexander Sturgeon, Claudius Byrne.
34 *Carrickfergus*, Archibald Murdoch, Michael Burrows.
35 *Coleraine*, Charles Mayne, James B. Gillman, John Dinnen, Supernumerary.

36 *Lisburn*, *James Lynch, William Kidd.

JOHN STUART, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

37 *Newry*, James Rutledge, Robert Masaroon; Thos. Brown, Supernumerary.

38 *Dungannon*, John Foster, Robert Cranston; John Remmington, Supernum.

39 *Armagh & Charlemont*, Samuel Harpur, Henry Price.

40 *Lurgan*, John Nelson, John Armstrong; John Malcomson, Supernumerary.

41 *Moira*, John Jebb.

N.B. Brother Nelson is to superintend the Lurgan and Moira Circuits.

42 *Tanderagee*, James Carter, Thomas Ridgeway; Zachariah Worrell, John Wilson, sen., Daniel Pedlow, Supernumeraries.

SAMUEL HARPUR, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

1 *Swords*, James Bell.

2 *Dunlavin*, Andrew Taylor.

3 *Co. Kilkenny*, Robert J. Bailey.

4 *Youghal*, Samuel Kyle.

5 *Dingle*, William Foote.

* Brother Lynch, who was called out in 1808, and brother George Erskine, called out in 1809, offered themselves to the Conference of 1813, over which Dr. Coke presided, for the Mission to the East, to which that zealous Missionary had then devoted his life, and with brother John M'Kenny, whose name in 1812 was placed on the list of reserve, and who during the Conference offered himself for the same service, were accepted by Dr. Coke, and appointed to that scene of labour by the British Conference. No note of these important transactions appears in our Minutes, and we take this opportunity of supplying the deficiency. We add, as the names of brothers Erskine and M'Kenny will not re-appear in these records, that the former after serving till 1820 in Ceylon, was then appointed to Sydney, and died there, a Supernumerary, in 1834; and the latter, at first stationed at the Cape of Good Hope, where he commenced our South African Mission, was appointed to Ceylon in 1816, and in 1835 to Sydney, as superintendent of our Missions in Australia, and there he also died a Supernumerary, in 1847. Brother James Horne, who in 1818 is recorded to have been admitted into full connexion, is left that year without an appointment in our Minutes, in which his name never afterwards appears. He was in 1818 appointed by the British Conference a Missionary to the West Indies, having offered himself for that service, and there he continued to labour till in 1856 he died in Bermuda, having been for a few of his later years a Supernumerary.—EDITORS.

6 *Killaloe & Kilrush*, William Guard, James Patterson.
7 *Galway & Connemara*, John Feely, James Sullivan.
8 *Erris*, William Cornwall.
9 *Easkey*, Robert Wilson.
10 *Banagher*, Arthur Noble.
11 *Westmeath*, George Hansbrow.
12 *Trim*, Gideon Ouseley, Francis Stephens.
13 *Donegal*, Charles M'Cord, William Finley; John Campbell, Supernumerary.
14 *Rathmelton & Stranorlar*, James M'Cutcheon.
15 *Ballymena*, Matthew Lanktree, George M'Elwain.
16 *Cookstown & Newtownlimavaddy*, Samuel M'Dowell.

The Missionary Stations are attached to their several Districts as follow, viz. :—

Swords, Dunlavin and Trim, to the Dublin District.

Kilkenny, to the Waterford District.

Youghal, to the Cork District.

Dingle, Killaloe and Kilrush, to the Limerick District.

Galway, Banagher and Westmeath, to the Tullamore District.

Erris and Easkey, to the Sligo District.

Donegal, to the Enniskillen District.

Rathmelton and Stranorlar, to the Londonderry District.

Ballymena, to the Belfast District.

Cookstown and Newtownlimavaddy to the Newry District.

Q. 7. How many wives are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty.

Q. 8. How are these to be provided for?

A. By the respective Districts, in the following proportions, viz. :—

1	Dublin	6½	7	Clones	5
2	Waterford	3¼	8	Enniskillen	5½
3	Cork	5¼	9	Londonderry	7½
4	Limerick	2½	10	Belfast	8
5	Tullamore	2½	11	Newry	11¾
6	Sligo	3			

Q. 9. What are the numbers in our Society?

A. As follows, viz.—

Dublin	1688	Donaghadee	439
Longford	230	Downpatrick	308
Drogheda	295	Carrickfergus	480
Castleblayney	456	Coleraine	362
Wicklow	294	Lisburn	752
Waterford	321	Newry	310
Carlow	290	Dungannon	811
Newtownbarry	490	Armagh & Charlemont	622
Cork	501	Lurgan	1136
Bandon	767	Tanderagee	876
Skibbereen	338		
Mallow	88	MISSION STATIONS.	
Limerick	330		
Tralee	94	Swords	51
Roscrea	262	Dunlavin	25
Cloughjordan	150	Co. Kilkenny	78
Mountrath	398	Youghal	63
Tullamore	236	Cove of Cork	31
Castlebar	162	Dingle	35
Ballina	270	Killaloe & Kilrush	100
Clones & Cavan	486	Galway & Connemara	66
Boyle & Killeshandra	600	Erris	17
Monaghan & Aughnacloy	662	Banagher	45
Enniskillen & Brookborough	1176	Westmeath	50
Sligo	579	Trim	101
Manorhamilton	686	Donegal	381
Londonderry	480	Rathmelton & Stranorlar	143
Irvinestown	1105	Ballymena	432
Newtownstewart	1065	Total	22,077
Belfast	465		

Q. 10. What has been contributed towards the Preachers' Fund?

A. As follows, viz.—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dublin	27	3	3	Wicklow	2	4	0
Longford	1	18	10	Waterford	6	1	0
Drogheda	2	13	4	Carlow	1	0	0
Castleblayney	1	0	0	Newtownbarry	4	7	1

Cork	17	16	0	Newry	1	13	0
Bandon	10	5	0	Dungannon	3	3	1
Skibbereen	1	0	0	Armagh, &c.	1	0	0
Mallow	1	0	0	Lurgan	2	0	0
Limerick	4	10	0	Tanderagee	2	3	0
Tralee	1	0	0	Swords	1	0	0
Roscrea	2	6	2	Dunlavin	1	0	0
Cloughjordan	1	0	0	Kilkenny	1	0	0
Mountrath	1	4	0	Youghal	1	0	0
Tullamore	2	6	3	Cove of Cork	1	0	0
Castlebar	2	2	0	Dingle	1	10	0
Ballina	1	0	0	Killaloe, &c.	1	0	0
Clones, &c.	1	0	0	Galway, &c.	1	0	0
Boyle, &c.	1	5	0	Erris	1	0	0
Monaghan, &c.	1	0	0	Banagher	1	0	0
Enniskillen	1	0	0	Westmeath	1	0	0
Sligo	2	12	6	Trim	1	0	0
Manorhamilton	1	0	0	Donegal	1	1	10
Londonderry, &c.	2	0	0	Rathmelton, &c.	1	0	0
Irvinestown	1	1	0	Ballymena	1	1	0
Newtownstewart	1	1	0				
Belfast	5	0	0	Total	£140	19	6
Donaghadee	1	1	0				
Downpatrick	1	0	0	Mr. Hill's donation	9	4	7
Carrickfergus	1	12	0	Mrs. Deeves' Legacy	11	8	0
Coleraine	1	11	6				
Lisburn	1	16	8				

N.B. According to usage, the above contributions have been forwarded to the Committee of the Auxiliary Fund in England, to be distributed by them to distressing cases among the Irish claimants.

Q. 11. What has been contributed by the Circuits, towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. As follows, viz.—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dublin	52	17	6	Carlow	6	0	0
Drogheda	9	11	10	Newtownbarry	6	0	0
Longford	4	17	7	Cork	12	1	9½
Castleblayney	2	19	8	Bandon	16	0	0
Wicklow	11	12	6	Skibbereen	1	2	6
Waterford	10	2	0	Mallow	4	3	4

Limerick	10	1	6	Newry	3	15	0
Tralee	2	2	5	Dungannon	3	7	4½
Roscrea	5	2	4	Armagh	7	8	11½
Cloughjordan	5	0	0	Lurgan	10	0	0
Mountrath	5	19	5	Tanderagee	9	10	0
Tullamore	4	3	9				
Castlebar	4	7	7	MISSIONS.			
Ballina	2	3	4				
Clones & Cavan	5	0	0	Swords	0	0	0
Boyle and Killeshandra	4	3	10	Dunlavin	0	0	0
				Co. Kilkenny	0	0	0
Monaghan & Aughnacloy	4	0	0	Youghal	0	0	0
				Cove of Cork	0	0	0
Enniskillen & Brookborough	4	17	4½	Dingle	0	0	0
				Killaloe & Kilrush	0	0	0
Sligo	5	17	4	Galway	0	0	0
Manorhamilton	3	0	1	Erris	0	0	0
Londonderry	5	6	3	Banagher	0	0	0
Irvinestown	3	0	0	Westmeath	0	9	7
Newtownstewart	2	2	5	Trim	0	10	3
Belfast	11	4	3½	Donegal	0	13	6
Donaghadee	4	6	0	Rathmelton	0	0	0
Downpatrick	3	9	2	Ballymena	0	0	0
Carrickfergus	6	14	3				
Coleraine	3	0	8	Total	£285	7	9½
Lisburn	7	2	5				

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?
A. As follows, viz.—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dublin	101	5	4	Skibbereen	8	6	10
Drogheda	22	0	0	Mallow	8	0	0
Longford	4	5	4	Limerick	12	0	0
Castleblayney	4	0	0	Tralee	13	5	10
Wicklow	11	6	0	Roscrea	5	17	10½
Waterford	23	0	0	Cloughjordan	6	0	0
Carlow	11	5	0	Mountrath	6	17	2
Newtownbarry	19	0	0	Tullamore	7	6	11
Cork	45	13	5½	Castlebar	9	0	8½
Bandon	33	3	6	Ballina	5	0	0

Clones & Cavan	4	8	10
Boyle and Killeshandra	10	1	8
Monaghan	8	7	6
Enniskillen, &c.	12	4	2
Sligo	10	5	0
Manorhamilton	5	13	10
Londonderry	8	10	0
Irvinestown	7	2	6
Newtownstewart	6	1	3
Belfast	13	12	0
Donaghadee	5	3	0
Downpatrick	3	15	0
Carrickfergus	3	18	8½
Coleraine	3	8	0
Lisburn	6	4	6
Newry	5	3	3
Dungannon	7	11	0
Armagh	7	0	0
Lurgan	6	10	0
Tanderagee	3	2	6

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Swords	4	1	8
Dunlavin	0	0	0
Co. Kilkenny	0	0	0
Youghal	13	1	2
Cove of Cork	10	0	0
Dingle	4	11	0
Killaloe, &c.	5	7	7
Galway	0	0	0
Erris	0	0	0
Banagher	0	0	0
Westmeath	4	1	0
Trim	0	0	0
Donegal	1	1	0½
Rathmelton	8	18	5
Ballymena	0	0	0
	£545	18	6½

Q. 13. How are the Preachers' children to be provided for?

A. The number of children having claims for maintenance in Ireland, in the ensuing year, is 146; the number for education is 89. The following statement shall regulate the proportions of the Districts and Circuits:—

Districts	Members	Maintenance of Children.	Education of Children.
Dublin	2131	15½	10
Waterford	1008	7¼	5
Cork	1694	12¼	8
Limerick	836	6	2½
Tullamore	864	6	3½
Sligo	1011	7¼	4¼
Clones	1748	12¾	7
Enniskillen	1862	13	8
Londonderry	2650	19	11
Belfast	2806	20	12¼
Newry	3755	27	16

Q. 14. What probable sum can be allowed from the Book-room, Donations, &c. to be added to the Yearly Collection of the ensuing year, in order to assist in meeting the general deficiency?

A. The Yearly Collection of 1825, may, it is hoped, amount to . . . 550 0 0
From the Book-room, &c. . . 1243 0 0

£1793 0 0

The Dublin District may divide a sum not exceeding 110 0 0
Waterford do. . . . 120 0 0
Cork do. . . . 100 0 0
Limerick do. . . . 90 0 0
Tullamore do. . . . 160 0 0
Sligo do. . . . 80 0 0
Clones do. . . . 184 0 0
Enniskillen do. . . . 208 0 0
Londonderry do. . . . 265 0 0
Belfast do. . . . 190 0 0
Newry do. . . . 286 0 0

£1793 0 0

N.B. That all the sums likely to be disposable at the Conference of 1826, be so apportioned, according to the necessities of the respective Districts, as to put it within the probable reach of each to meet its deficiencies; which allowance so apportioned shall be absolute for the year.

N.B. The Superintendents of Circuits are directed to bring to their District Meetings in May, an accurate account of the Societies on their respective Circuits, and of the receipts of quarterage in each Society.

Q. 15. Who are the Missionary Committee to review the concerns of the Missions at the ensuing Conference?

A. Matthew Tobias, Samuel Wood, Thomas Ridgeway, Henry Deery, Thomas Waugh, David Waugh, Samuel Harpur, William Crook, John Nelson, Robert Cranston, Samuel Downing, James Olliffe, Adolphus Nordblad,

William Kent, Christopher Hamilton, Henry Cornwall, Joseph Higgins, John Boyd, Thomas Shillington, William Wilson, William M'Connell, Hugh Copeland.

N.B. The Conference is happy to state that Mr. Bewley (the Superintendent of the Mission Schools) reported, that there are twenty Mission Schools, containing 1,390 children; that the Teachers are well qualified for their situation, and faithful in the discharge of their duty; and that the state of the Schools is highly satisfactory.

Q. 16. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., William Smith, Matthew Tobias, John Stuart, Henry Deery, William Stewart, Charles Mayne, Thomas Waugh, David Waugh, William Ferguson, Thomas W. Doolittle, and the other Dublin Preachers.

Q. 17. Who are the Building and Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, Samuel Wood, Henry Deery, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, George Stephenson, Thomas Waugh, William Crook, John Nelson, Samuel Harpur, Thomas Ridgeway, together with eleven brethren, not travelling preachers, who shall be chosen, one in each District.

Q. 18. Who are the Liquidating Committee?

A. The Dublin Preachers, together with Messrs. Adolphus Nordblad, Henry Heney, Christopher Hamilton, Wm. Kent, Archibald Wilson, James Carson, William Hodgins.

Q. 19. What can be done to promote more effectually social piety in our Societies?

A. The vast importance of social religion appearing to the Conference, viz. family prayer, morning and evening; reading the Holy Scriptures on those occasions; the observance of christian discipline; holy family conversations; the sanctification of the Lord's Day; reading religious books; avoiding evil communication which corrupts good manners: it devoutly recommends to our beloved Societies, that they constantly and conscientiously attend to these duties, inasmuch as it is the full conviction of the Conference, "that family godliness is next to personal godliness." Also, let the same day, viz. the third Friday in September, which was appointed to be held in all our Societies *last year, as a day of special humiliation, fasting,*

and prayer, be observed in the most solemn manner by all our people; that the united prayers of the whole Connexion may, at the same time, be offered up to Almighty God for the outpouring of his Holy Spirit, and for the revival of his blessed work. And let the Quarterly Fasts, in our Societies, be most strictly and conscientiously observed.

Q. 20. What Chapels are to be built this year?

A. One in Kingstown, Dublin Circuit. One in Ballydehob, Skibbereen Circuit. One in Ballinasloe, Westmeath Mission. One in Dunkineely, Donegal Mission.

Q. 21. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in next August.

Q. 22. When shall the Annual District Meetings be held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 23. When shall the different Committees meet previously to the sitting of the ensuing Conference?

A. The Chairmen of Districts, on Wednesday the 28th of June, at 6 o'clock, A.M. The Stationing Committee, on Thursday, the 29th, at 6 o'clock, A.M. The Book Committee, on Friday the 30th, at 6 o'clock, A.M. The Missionary Committee on the same day, at 1 o'clock, P.M. The Building and Chapel Fund Committee, on Saturday, the 1st of July, at 6 o'clock, A.M.

N.B. Brother Wm. Stewart, Treasurer, and Brother Thomas Waugh, Secretary to the Contingent Fund.

Q. 24. Who are our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. William Stewart, Thomas W. Doolittle.

Q. 25. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin, on the first Monday in July, 1826.

ROBERT NEWTON, *President.*
SAMUEL WOOD, *Secretary.*

ADDENDA.

Once more the Conference, increasingly anxious to afford every possible and necessary information respecting the

state of our temporal circumstances, beg leave to state, that as the gross amount only of each Circuit deficiency is returned to the Conference, they cannot possibly give a detail of particulars, nor indeed is this necessary, as every Circuit can have, at its own Quarterly Meetings, the fullest information from its Circuit Steward, of the amount of its own receipts and expenditures;—for, on the present equalized plan, 1st, in proportion to members on each Circuit and District, the number of wives, and children for maintenance and education are apportioned, together with Preachers' salary, rent, &c. &c. The Financial Districts, to make this apportionment, meet on the last Wednesday in August, at which the General Stewards, with the Superintendent of each Circuit is required to attend. 2nd. To meet this apportionment of wives, children, salary, &c., the Quarterage, the Education Collection, Extra Collections, Donations, a proportion of a probable sum to be allowed out of the Book-room, and the Yearly Collection, &c. shall be allowed to each Circuit; so that when, by these means, a Circuit or District is enabled to meet all the demands laid upon it, such Circuit appears in the Minutes without a deficiency; but to whatever amount any Circuit falls short of meeting its required proportion, it is consequently returned so much deficient to the Conference, and that deficiency, being a gross sum, cannot possibly be detailed.

It is particularly requested by the Conference, that the Circuit Stewards shall be present in all our Financial District Meetings, both before and after the Conference, and that all apportionments and accounts be regulated by their counsel and concurrence, and the entries of all receipts and disbursements stand recorded in their books.

According to our foregoing regulations, we here subjoin a statement of our

GENERAL DEFICIENCY THIS YEAR, VIZ.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dublin	0	0	0	Castleblayney	61	0	8
Longford	49	14	3	Wicklow	26	12	0
Drogheda	38	11	11	Waterford	0	0	0

Carlow	28	10	1	Sligo	15	15	6½
Newtownbarry	19	0	0	Manorhamilton	46	6	5½
Cork	0	0	0	Londonderry	37	9	6
Bandon	28	16	3	Irvinestown	51	6	6½
Skibbereen	0	0	0	Newtownstewart	26	17	7
Mallow	0	0	0	Belfast	0	0	0
Limerick	33	8	9½	Donaghee	11	3	4½
Tralee	25	10	0	Downpatrick	28	9	11
Roscrea	0	0	0	Carrickfergus	0	0	0
Cloughjordan	3	7	1	Coleraine	11	17	7
Mountrath	51	5	3½	Lisburn	28	11	7
Tullamore	50	14	11	Newry	10	1	7
Castlebar	6	5	10½	Dungannon	55	5	3½
Ballina	10	16	9	Armagh & Charlemont.	0	0	0
Clones & Cavan.	39	12	5	Lurgan	0	0	0
Boyle & Killeshandra	0	0	0	Tanderagee	11	17	7½
Monaghan and Aughnacloy	24	9	3		872	5	7
Enniskillen and Brookborough	39	7	5½				

N.B. The city of Limerick, and the town of Coleraine, made up their respective proportions.

Donations, &c.

	£	s.	d.
James Hill, Esq., by Br. Doolittle	90	0	0
Henry Cornwall, Esq., by Br. Deery, ...	100	0	0
John Hall, Esq., Bristol, by Dr. Clarke, and Br. Mackey	54	3	4
Mrs. Young, by Mr. Mayne	21	13	4
Rev. Joseph Taylor, by Rev. Mr. Morley	3	8	3
Mrs. A. Bealy do.	1	1	8
Mrs. Downes do.	1	1	8
Mrs. Shiel's Legacy	4	10	8
	275	18	11

Miscellaneous Expenses.

	£	s.	d.
Interest of Money, &c.	230	13	0
To Mrs. Eliza Johnson, for 1823	10	4	0
To Grass bill	11	13	4
	252	10	4

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

1825 CONFERENCE, DR.	£	s.	d.
To Donations of Preachers and Friends in England, sent from the last British Conference by our Representatives ...	631	5	2
Granted by the British Conference towards the education of the children of Supernumerary Preachers	260	16	8
Donations of sundry friends	275	18	11
Balance	553	11	6
	1721	12	3

1825 CONFERENCE, CR.	£	s.	d.
By Balance of nett Deficiency of 1824 ...	596	16	4
Miscellaneous Expenses of this Year ...	252	10	4
General Deficiency of this Year ...	872	5	7
	1721	12	3

The Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very dear Fathers and Brethren,

As in the annual assurance of your affectionate attachment and brotherly love, we recognize our unity with Him who is the Head over all, so we feel an unspeakable gratitude to our common Lord and Saviour, in whom we have one hope and ground of rejoicing, and by whose Spirit we feel that we are built up together with you, one temple and habitation of God. We joy in God our Saviour, that it hath pleased Him in our time to excite a more catholic feeling amongst professing christians than in former years; but that we should be more than ever identified with the Parent Society is, to us, a cheering ground of hope that we shall be yet more and more established in truth and love, even as you are.

It excited our warmest gratitude to God on your behalf, when we read of your prosperity, of the glory which rests on your hill of the Zion of God, of your spiritual consolations, of the abundant success of the word of the Lord, and of your increasing means ef efficient and extensive usefulness, both at home and abroad; and, though at a distance, seeing the land afar off, we would fain indulge the hope, that yet we may see the goings forth of the divine presence, until our land become, as yours, the garden of the Lord.

The difference of circumstances between your country and ours is too apparent not to be seen and felt. In your country, the means of active industry are generally afforded to your immense population; our land is wasted by idleness, and a want of the means of employment. You have a population predisposed by education and opinion to favour the Gospel; the reverse of this feeling is fatally produced in Ireland by prejudice and superstition. You have a capital to call forth your national energies; while the violent and untaught energies of our land are liable to the domination and misdirection of those who may be disposed to excite our jealousies or discontents.

That Methodism, in Ireland, should feel the unfavourable influence of these circumstances is natural; and hence our poverty has induced a desire for emigration, and our ranks are annually reduced; while the means of comfortable existence are withheld from many by want of trade. Yet when we consider that all the dispensations of God's providence, even those permitted to chasten our land, are under the control of Him who is the Saviour of all men, we are still encouraged to look forward for an amelioration of our national condition, for the important benefits of useful and religious education, and for the more successful ministrations of the gospel of the Son of God.

We cannot give you too warmly our hearty approval of your benevolent designs of good towards our benighted country, in the furtherance of Missionary labours, and of a useful and religious education. The intelligent and active exertions of your agent, the Rev. VALENTINE WARD, have not only excited our admiration of your wise and generous plans, but of your choice of the person to whom you have committed the trust. To his exertions, and the mutual counsel of our venerable President and his colleagues, we are much indebted in this good work: and we hope that, without the imputation of a too sanguine feeling, we may say, these are the beginnings of better days in Ireland.

Though at our last Conference we had to deplore a serious diminution of our numbers, occasioned by emigration, and other causes, yet we are are thankful for our present state; for though we have had [illegible] year, God has added to us many [illegible] upon the whole, encourages our [illegible] ity.

It is with lowly gratitude we [illegible] several years past, our beloved [illegible] united in christian affection [illegible] ordinances, more fervent in [illegible] the Lord's work, or more [illegible] than at this moment.

For the purpose of furthering [illegible] to us and our people, we are [illegible] selves, and to our doctrine: [illegible]

and out of season;" to preach "Christ in you the hope of glory;" and to walk accordingly. In imitation of your system of finance, we have recommended to our beloved people the exellent plans which have been adopted by you for providing the necessary means of supporting the work of God among us; and we have every reason to hope, that, by the use of those plans, as far as they are practicable, the ends proposed will soon be accomplished. It is true we are still painfully embarrassed; but our God will provide, whose are all the riches in the heavens and in the earth.

Could any motive be wanted to enliven our grateful attachment to you, dear Fathers and Brethren, have we not had it in your continued liberality to us from year to year? But let it suffice that we feel we are the younger children of one common family; and that while we are not prodigal, you will not despise or neglect our necessities.

In farther imitation of your wisely adopted plans, we have yielded to the generous invitation of our beloved Societies in Cork and Belfast, in which places we intend in future, as well as in this beloved city, to hold our Conference. Next year, according to the resolution of the Conference, we trust, under God's blessing, to meet in the city of Cork.

The visit of our beloved and venerated President, MR. MOORE, has been most grateful to us. His spirit and wisdom have been for comfort and counsel to us. The labours and advices of our beloved and excellent brethren, Messrs. NEWTON, TAYLOR, and WARD, who have kept back nothing from us that could edify, and strengthen, and refresh us, both in public and private, oblige us to bear them on our hearts, before the Lord, with feelings which we cannot describe.

We send as our Representatives, brothers CHARLES MAYNE and JOHN STUART, men approved in all things, men of our choice and affection.

Surely we can say with a glad heart, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." In Him we have had strength and righteousness. We are thy servants, O Lord, and Thou wilt save us,

In all our assemblies we have had you in our hearts, and have not ceased to pray for you, that the God of Israel even the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may be in the midst of you. Unto God, Fathers and Brethren, we commend you; and may He preserve your bodies and souls unto everlasting life, through Jesus Christ.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

ANDREW HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 6th, 1824.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS FROM THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

We welcome the return of another opportunity of publicly testifying our cordial esteem for you, as joint partakers with us of the faith once delivered to the Saints. We have, with pleasure, received your annual Address from the hands of the excellent brethren, whom you have sent to us as your Representatives, the Rev CHARLES MAYNE, and the Rev. JOHN STUART; men whose praise is in the churches, and who have our entire confidence and affection.

We rejoice in your continued christian unity, steadfastness, and zeal, and in your attachment to the doctrines and discipline inculcated and enforced by the great Founder of Methodism. We congratulate you on a diminution of your pecuniary difficulties, and a small increase of your numbers. Your active exertions in the formation and support of Schools for the religious education of youth, and the laborious efforts of your Missionaries for the diffusion of divine knowledge in the darker parts of your interesting country, have our warmest approbation. Under trials of no common magnitude you have nobly persevered; nothing intimidated by the number, or the power, or the threatenings, of your adversaries. Your sufferings have excited our deepest sympathies, and your

patient and magnanimous endurance of them has claimed our admiration. You have been precipitated into a sea of afflictions, as unexpected by us as undeserved by you; yet you have not sunk in the mighty deep; an unseen hand has sustained you; the waves have not gone over your head; and, by the grace of God, you have recovered your footsteps, to be placed in circumstances more stable and advantageous.

Let but an ardent zeal for the truth, the whole truth as it is in Jesus, continue to distinguish you; be of one heart and of one mind in the service of our common Saviour; and then rely with confidence upon all the aid which our firmest attachment, our earnest prayers, and our cheerful liberality, can render you in your necessities.

Dear Brethren, much, very much, remains to be done in Ireland; but take courage and go forward in the great work on which you have entered, until ignorance, superstition, bigotry, cruelty, and every vice, shall be banished from your shores, and the mass of your population shall be regenerated by the Spirit of life from God. Fear not; the Lord himself shall appear in your behalf: his goings forth will be seen in your sanctuaries. The Spirit will be poured from on high, and the barren wilderness will become a fruitful field. The holy arm of God will be displayed in the salvation of your countrymen. The moral darkness is already dispersing; the rays of divine light and truth are gilding the tops of your mountains, and spreading along your fertile valleys; and the night of error and moral death shall vanish before the illuminations of the Sun of Righteousness.

It affords us great satisfaction to learn that the state of Ireland is more tranquil and prosperous than formerly, and that trade, commerce, and agriculture, are all improving. The effect of this improvement will be felt in your financial affairs. The adoption of our excellent plan, by the distribution of disposable monies at your financial District Meetings, will greatly lessen your pecuniary difficulties, and save you from future embarrassments.

By the statement contained in your Address, and enforced by your highly esteemed Representatives, we have

been induced to continue the same expressions of our fraternal regard and affection which you have so gratefully acknowledged in the past year. Your cordial reception, and high approbation of the services of our late venerable President, the Rev. HENRY MOORE, and his excellent associates, have been very agreeable to us. Your approval of the manner in which our faithful and beloved brother, the Rev. VALENTINE WARD, has fulfilled the mission confided to him, in visiting the stations of your Missionaries, and advising with them respecting the establishment of Schools, and the enlargment of the Irish Missions, has also been gratifying to us. The reports which he has furnished are equally valuable to us for the information which they contain, and honourable to you for the zeal and readiness which you have manifested in carrying into full effect, these plans which have been formed for the moral benefit of the uninstructed part of your population.

It is with equal satisfaction that we have unanimously agreed to appoint our honoured and beloved President, the Rev. ROBERT NEWTON, to preside at your next Conference, to be held in the city of Cork, and as his companion, our highly esteemed brother, the Rev. RICHARD WADDY. The Rev. THOMAS H. BEWLEY is appointed to act as the Agent of our Missionary Committee for the Irish Schools. We have also agreed to send one of our Missionary Secretaries to visit the Mission Stations at some convenient time of the year; and the Rev. V. WARD is directed to repeat his visit to them in the month of May or June, 1825. The ministrations and friendly advices of these messengers of the churches, you will know how to appreciate.

The present year has been filled with mercies to us, both temporal and spiritual. We have had peace in all our borders; the poor have had bread to eat; the industrious labourer and mechanic have had sufficient employment; and tranquillity and contentment generally prevail.

In our Societies and Circuits, both at home and abroad, the calls for Ministers are increasingly urgent: and genuine christianity, by the instrumentality, in no inconsiderable degree, of the Methodist Ministry, is spreading through

whom cometh every good and perfect gift, that Zion may speedily become the joy of the whole earth, and that all nations may know the Lord.

We wish you, dear Brethren, all peace and joy through believing, and pray that you may be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Signed by order, and on behalf of the Conference,

JABEZ BUNTING, *Secretary.*

Leeds, August 9th, 1824.

DUBLIN, Monday, July 3rd, 1826.

Q. 1. What Preachers are this year ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. John Wilson, Nathaniel Hobart.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. John Stethem Wilson, Fossey Tackaberry, Henry Price, James Benjamin Gillman.

These have travelled three years.

Claudius Byrne, James Sullivan, Robert Beauchamp, James Patterson, John Nash.

These have travelled two years.

Frederick Philip Le Maitre.

He has travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers have been ADMITTED ON TRIAL?

A. John Greer, James Henry, John Harrington, John Crawford, Thomas Trevor Neptune Hull, John Saul.

Q. 4. What Preacher has DIED since the last Conference?

A. THOMAS BARBER. He first heard the gospel preached amongst the Methodists, in Sidare, in the county of Fermanagh, and under the ministry of our venerable founder, the Rev. John Wesley, was deeply convinced of sin, and immediately proposed to be taken into the Society.

He was soon brought into the blesed liberty of the gospel, and rejoiced in the assurance of God's pardoning love. His zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls led him forth into active life soon after his conversion; and where he either exhorted or preached, God acknowledged him in the awakening and conviction of sinners. He was apt to teach the things which he had learned of the Lord, and shortly after his removal from that county, he was engaged as a Missionary in the country parts of the Londonderry Circuit, where God used him as an instrument of good to many. He was appointed to the Sligo Circuit in the year 1779, and continued to labour as a Methodist Preacher with great zeal, simplicity, faithfulness and success. In the year 1780, he was appointed to the Waterford Circuit, with that excellent man, the late Mr. Thomas Payne; and under God's blessing, a work commenced amongst the young people of that city, many witnesses of which are alive to God, even at this moment. His attentions to the children, holding meetings for their religious instruction, were made a blessing, not only to those little ones, but to their parents. In the course of his ministry, he feared no danger; he neglected no opportunity of doing good; he was ceaseless in prayer, visiting from house to house: meeting the classes in every place; in a word, he was "instant in season and out of season;" doing the work of an evangelist. His [illegible] warmed the cold-hearted; his simplicity charmed the youth; his love of souls melted the stubborn; and his holy example led forward the humble and the upright. His manner of preaching was singular, yet simple and artless. Like a fisherman, he was anxious to [illegible] the fish that came near to his net. "[illegible] are good" hence his usage of stopping his congregation and speaking to them individually: yet even this irregularity was often made a blessing. He loved the doctrines of Methodism, particularly the doctrines of the direct witness of the Spirit, and perfect love: these he used to call the very life of christianity, without which he said "all must walk in darkness." His integrity and humility [illegible] for he was "an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile." He became a Supernumerary in the year 1781

and continued for many years, to endure, with much long-suffering and cheerfulness, all his afflictions, an example of the meekness and patience of the Lord Jesus; and closed a life of about eighty years, in full assurance of the hope of the glory of God.

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?

A. As follows, viz:

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	Samuel Wood, John Stuart, Fossey Tackaberry; Thomas Wade Doolittle, Book-Steward; Michael Murphy, William Smith, William Ferguson, James McKeown, John Clegg, Supernumeraries.
2	*Drogheda,*	Charles Mayne, James Calcutt Pratt.
3	*Castleblayney,*	John Nesbitt, John Remmington.
4	*Wicklow,*	Gustavus Armstrong, John Rogers; Alexander Moore, Supernumerary.

N.B. Brother Rogers resigns the superintendence of the Circuit to his senior, Brother Armstrong.

JOHN STUART, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

5	*Waterford,*	John Carey, John Frazer Mathews; Joshua Harman, Supernumerary.
6	*Carlow,*	David Waugh, Thomas T. N. Hull; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
7	*Newtownbarry,*	William Douglas, John Clendinnen.
8	*Wexford,*	John Hadden, John Wilson.

DAVID WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

9	*Cork,*	William Stewart, Thomas Waugh; DanielM'Mullen, Supernumerary.

10 *Mallow and Cove,* John Scethem Wilson, John Nash. N.B. This Circuit is to be under the care of Brother William Stewart.

11 *Bandon,* Matthew Tobias, William Richey; Andrew Hamilton, sen., Supernumerary.

12 *Skibbereen,* William Foote.

MATTHEW TOBIAS, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

13 *Limerick,* Henry Deery, Robert Masaroon.

14 *Tralee,* Richard Phillips.

15 *Roscrea,* Robert Bruce, James Benjamin Gillman; Francis Russell Supernumerary.

16 *Cloughjordan,* John Crozier Irvine.

HENRY DEERY, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

17 *Tullamore,* Andrew Hamilton, jun., John Howe; James Sterling, Supernumerary.

18 *Mountrath,* James Johnston, James Stuart; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.

19 *Longford,* Samuel Downing, John Crawford; Richard Price, Supernumerary.

ANDREW HAMILTON, JUN., *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

20 *Sligo,* William Crook, Claudius Byrne; Thomas Lougheed, George Burrows, Supernumeraries.

21 *Castlebar,* Edward Johnston, Charles M'Cormick.

22 *Ballina,* James M'Cutcheon; William M'Cornock, Supernumerary.

WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. The Clones District.

23 *Clones & Cavan*, Edward Hazelton, John Greer; James Irwin, Supernumerary.
24 *Killeshandra*, William Pollock, Frederick Philip Le Maitre.
25 *Boyle*, Nathaniel Hobart; King Barton, Supernumerary.
N.B.—Brothers Hobart and Le Maitre to change quarterly.
26 *Monaghan & Aughnacloy*, William Armstrong, jun., Thomas Ballard; William Armstrong, sen., Supernumerary.

Edward Hazelton, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. The Enniskillen District.

27 *Enniskillen & Brookborough*, John Waugh, Castor Clements, Edward Cobain.
28 *Manorhamilton*, Robert Strong, John Wiggins.

John Waugh, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. The Londonderry District.

29 *Londonderry*, John Hill, Joseph Edgerton; Francis Armstrong, James Smith, Supernumeraries.
30 *Irvinestown*, Alexander Sturgeon, Archibald Campbell.
31 *Newtownstewart*, Archibald Murdoch, Robert Beauchamp; John Kerr, Matthew Stuart, John M'Arthur, Robert Carson, Supernumeraries.

Archibald Murdoch, *Chairman of the District.*

X. The Belfast District.

32 *Belfast*, William Reilly, Matthew Lanktree, jun.; Blakely Dowling, Thomas Brown, Supernumeraries.
33 *Donaghadee*, Michael Burrows, James Henry.
34 *Downpatrick*, William Kidd, John Armstrong.

35	*Carrickfergus.*	Alexander Mackey, John Cam[illegible]
36	*Coleraine,*	Richard Taylor Tracy, John Holmes: John Dinnen, Supernumerary.
37	*Lisburn,*	James Lynch, John Harrington.

William Reilly, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. The Newry District.

38	*Newry,*	James Eccleston, William Ker[illegible]
39	*Dungannon.*	John Foster, James Carter.
40	*Armagh & Charlemont,*	Samuel Harper, Henry Price
41	*Lurgan,*	John Nelson, John Jebb, Jun. Malcomson, Supernumerary.
42	*Moira,*	Robert Cranston.
43	*Tanderagee,*	Thomas Ridgeway, James Patterson, Zachariah Worrall, John Wilson, sen. Daniel Pedlow, Supernumeraries.

Samuel Harper, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

1	*Swords,*	Robert J. Bailey.
2	*Naas,*	Andrew Taylor.
3	*Co. Kilkenny,*	James Olliffe.
4	*Youghal,*	Samuel Kyle; George Stephenson, Supernumerary.
5	*Dingle,*	James Sullivan.
6	*Killaloe & Kilrush,*	William Guard.
7	*Galway & Connemara,*	James Lamb.
8	*Castlereagh,*	Francis Stephens.
9	*Erris,*	William Cornwall.
10	*Easkey,*	Robert Wilson.
11	*Banagher,*	Arthur Noble.
12	*Ballinasloe,*	George Hansbrow.
13	*Trim,*	James Bell, Gideon Ouseley.
14	*Donegal,*	Charles M'Cord, John Feely.
15	*Rathmelton & Stranorlar,*	William Finley.

16 *Ballymena,* Matthew Lanktree, sen., George M'Elwain, John Saul.
17 *Cookstown & Newtownlimavaddy,* Samuel M'Dowell.

The Missionary Stations are attached to their several Districts as follows, viz.:

Swords, Naas, and Trim, to the Dublin District.

Kilkenny, to the Waterford District.

Youghal, to the Cork District.

Dingle, Killaloe, and Kilrush, to the Limerick District.

Galway, Connemara, Castlereagh, Banagher, and Ballinasloe, to the Tullamore District.

Erris and Easkey, to the Sligo District.

Donegal, to the Enniskillen District.

Rathmelton and Stranorlar, to the Londonderry District.

Ballymena, to the Belfast District.

Cookstown and Newtownlimavaddy, to the Newry District.

Q. 7. How many wives are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-two.

Q. 8. How are these to be provided for?

A. By the respective Districts, in the following proportions, viz.

1 Dublin .	6½	7 Clones .	5½
2 Waterford	3	8 Enniskillen	6
3 Cork. .	5¼	9 Londonderry	8¾
4 Limerick .	2½	10 Belfast .	8
5 Tullamore	2¾	11 Newry .	10¾
6 Sligo .	3		

Q. 9. What are the numbers in our Society?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin .	1088	Wexford .	230
Drogheda .	300	Cork & Cove	561
Castleblayney	460	Bandon .	637
Wicklow .	257	Skibbereen .	400
Waterford .	210	Mallow .	130
Carlow .	290	Limerick .	331
Newtownbarry	267	Tralee .	97

Roscrea	255	Dungannon	652
Cloughjordan	145	Armagh & Charlemont	622
Tullamore	226	Lurgan	858
Mountrath	400	Moira	261
Longford	236	Tanderagee	890
Sligo	544	*Missions.*	
Castlebar	170	Swords.	46
Ballina	216	Dunlavin	42
Clones and Cavan	556	County Kilkenny	160
Boyle & Killeshandra	607	Youghal	80
Monaghan & Aughnacloy	650	Dingle	37
Enniskillen & Brookborough	1207	Killaloe and Kilrush	108
Manorhamilton	748	Galway & Connemara	96
Londonderry	485	Erris	40
Irvinestown	1250	Easkey	40
Newtownstewart	1134	Banagher	55
Belfast	465	Westmeath	60
Donaghadeee	445	Trim	60
Downpatrick	318	Donegal	414
Carrickfergus	507	Rathmelton	153
Coleraine	362	Ballymena	550
Lisburn	625	Cookstown and Newtownlimavaddy	195
Newry	286		22,514

Q. 10. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Fund?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin	30	13	0	Mallow	1	4	0
Drogheda	2	8	0	Limerick	5	5	0
Castleblayney	1	0	0	Tralee	1	0	0
Wicklow	2	15	0	Roscrea	2	12	7
Waterford	6	2	6	Cloughjordan	1	0	0
Carlow	1	0	0	Tullamore	2	6	10
Newtownbarry	1	0	0	Mountrath	1	4	0
Wexford	2	0	0	Longford	1	1	6
Cork	19	0	0	Sligo	4	0	0
Bandon	13	8	6	Castlebar	2	2	0
Skibbereen	1	0	0	Ballina	1	0	0

Clones, &c.	1	2	0
Boyle, &c.	1	9	6
Monaghan, &c.	1	5	0
Enniskillen, &c.	1	5	0
Manorhamilton	1	0	0
Londonderry, &c.	1	4	6
Irvinestown	1	3	0
Newtownstewart	1	1	0
Belfast	5	5	3
Donaghadee	1	3	5
Downpatrick	1	5	0
Carrickfergus	1	5	0
Coleraine	1	12	6
Lisburn	3	5	0
Newry	1	12	6
Dungannon	2	0	0
Armagh, &c.	1	8	0
Lurgan & Moira.	3	0	0
Tanderagee	2	6	0

Missions.			
Swords	1	0	0
Dunlavin	0	0	0
County Kilkenny	0	0	0
Youghal	1	0	0
Dingle	1	1	0
Killaloe.	1	1	0
Galway, &c.	1	10	0
Erris	1	1	0
Easkey	1	0	0
Banagher	1	0	0
Westmeath	1	1	0
Trim	1	0	0
Donegal	1	0	0
Rathmelton	0	0	0
Ballymena	1	4	0
Cookstown	1	0	0
	£149	13	7

N.B. According to usage, the above contributions have been forwarded to the Committee of the Auxiliary Fund in England, to be distributed by them to distressing cases among the Irish Applicants.

Q. 11. What has been contributed by the Circuits towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin	46	15	8
Drogheda	11	10	7
Castleblayney	3	1	6
Wicklow	7	11	3
Waterford	9	5	0
Carlow	6	0	0
Newtownbarry	5	4	7
Wexford	4	19	11
Cork and Cove	14	1	9
Bandon.	11	18	6
Skibbereen	2	3	9
Mallow	3	18	4
Limerick	6	2	10
Tralee	1	9	5
Roscrea.	5	7	1
Cloughjordan	4	11	0.
Tullamore	3	8	3½
Mountrath	4	17	2
Longford	5	0	0
Sligo	5	14	0
Castlebar	4	10	8
Ballina	2	3	4
Clones & Cavan.	5	2	0
Boyle and Killeshandra	3	0	0
Monaghan	4	0	0

Enniskillen, &c.	5	0	11
Manorhamilton .	2	4	8½
Londonderry,&c	5	17	10
Irvinestown .	3	2	6
Newtownstewart	3	8	9½
Belfast.	10	18	3
Donaghadee .	4	15	9½
Downpatrick .	3	15	10
Carrickferus .	3	10	0
Coleraine .	4	0	8
Lisburn .	7	6	6
Newry . .	3	5	0
Dungannon .	2	13	7½
Armagh .	7	10	0
Lurgan & Moira	8	4	0
Tanderagee .	10	17	10½
MISSIONS.			
Swords. .	0	0	0
Dunlavin .	0	0	0
Co. Kilkenny .	1	3	3
Youghal .	1	2	6
Dingle . .	0	0	0
Killaloe and Kilrush .	0	0	0
Galway. .	0	0	0
Erris . .	0	0	0
Banagher .	0	0	0
Westmeath .	0	0	0
Trim . .	1	0	0
Donegal .	0	0	0
Rathmelton .	0	0	0
Ballymena .	0	0	0
Cookstown& Newtownlimavaddy	1	10	10
	£253	5	6

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?
A. As follows, viz:

Dublin.	100	0	0
Drogheda .	22	12	8
Castleblayney .	4	0	0
Wicklow .	11	7	0
Waterford .	24	15	8
Carlow .	11	5	0
Newtownbarry	7	10	0
Wexford .	8	14	0
Cork & Cove .	55	2	10
Bandon .	27	4	0
Skibbereen .	6	11	10
Mallow .	5	8	4
Limerick .	13	0	0
Tralee . .	12	12	6
Roscrea .	8	4	0
Cloughjordan .	6	0	0
Tullamore .	7	10	6
Mountrath .	7	1	3
Longford .	4	5	9
Sligo .	12	0	0
Castlebar .	*9*	*1*	*0*
Ballina .	5	0	0
Clones & Cavan	4	17	0
Boyle, &c.	10	1	8
Monaghan, &c.	8	6	8
Enniskillen, &c.	12	8	4½
Manorhamilton	5	15	2
Londonderry .	9	13	5½
Irvinestown .	7	5	0
Newtownstewart	7	15	4½
Belfast	13	12	0
Donaghadee .	5	0	0
Downpatrick .	4	1	3
Carrickfergus .	4	0	6
Coleraine .	3	9	6
Lisburn .	4	16	5
Newry . .	4	7	0
Dungannon .	7	11	0
Armagh, &c. .	7	0	0
Lurgan & Moira	6	15	0
Tanderagee .	3	10	0

Missions.				Banagher	. 1	3	0
Swords	. 0	0	0	Westmeath	. 0	0	0
Dunlavin	. 1	0	0	Trim	. 1	5	2
Co. Kilkenny	. 3	4	3	Donegal	. 2	10	8½
Youghal	. 5	0	0	Rathmelton	. 1	1	0
Dingle	. 2	0	8	Ballymena	. 0	0	0
Killaloe, &c.	. 5	8	4	Cookstown	. 0	13	6
Galway, &c.	. 1	5	0				
Erris	. 0	0	0	Total	£524	4	1
Easkey	. 0	0	0				

Q. 13. How are the Preachers' children to be provided for?

A. The number of children having claims for maintenance in Ireland, in the ensuing year is 155; the number for education, 96. The following statement shall regulate the proportions of the Districts and Circuits:—

Districts	Members	Maintenance of Children.	Education of Children.
Dublin,	2105	16	10
Waterford,	997	7¼	4½
Cork,	1728	13¼	8¼
Limerick,	828	6¼	4
Tullamore,	862	6¼	4
Sligo,	930	7	4¼
Clones,	1813	14	8½
Enniskillen,	1955	15	9
Londonderry,	2869	22	13½
Belfast,	2722	21	13
Newry,	3569	27	17
		155	96

Q. 14. What probable sum can be calculated on from the Yearly Collection, &c., to assist the Circuits in meeting the general deficiency?

A. £1603 British which is to be disposed of in the following proportions:—

The Dublin District may divide a sum not exceeding . . .	97	0	0
Waterford Do. . . .	106	0	0

Cork District . . .	88	0	0
Limerick Do. . . .	79	0	0
Tullamore Do. . . .	138	0	0
Sligo Do. . . .	69	0	0
Clones Do. . . .	166	0	0
EnniskillenDo. . . .	192	0	0
Londonderry Do. . .	244	0	0
Belfast Do. . . .	166	0	0
Newry Do. . . .	258	0	0
	£1603	0	0

N.B. All the sums likely to be disposable at the Conference, 1827, shall be so apportioned according to the necessities of the respective Districts, as to put it within the probable reach of each to meet its deficiencies; which allowance so apportioned shall be absolute for the year.

The Superintendents of Circuits are directed to bring to their District Meetings, in May, an accurate account of the Societies on their respective Circuits, and of the receipts of Quarterage and Collections in each Society.

Q. 15. What rule shall be attended to in receiving a petition for the appointment of a Preacher to a Circuit?

A. No petition shall be received for the appointment of a Preacher to any Circuit, unless it shall be agreed to, and regularly signed, at a General Quarterly Meeting of the Stewards and Leaders.

Q. 16. What is the judgment of the Conference concerning a Preacher's remaining a third year on a Circuit?

A. No Preacher shall be appointed a third year to a Circuit unless a petition for his return be presented to the Conference, signed at a General Quarterly Stewards' and Leaders' Meeting.

Q. 17. What shall be done to regulate and expedite the business of District Meetings?

A. A Record-book shall be provided for each District, in which all applotments and apportionments shall be entered; and the names and ages of all the children whether on the maintenance or education list, shall be recorded; and which book, each Chairman shall hand over to his successor.

Q. 18. Who are the Missionary Committee to review the concerns of the Missions at the ensuing Conference?

A. Samuel Wood, John Stuart, Henry Deery, David Waugh, William Stewart, Samuel Harpur, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Crook, William Armstrong, Alexander Mackey, and Messrs. Henry Heney, William Carson, Christopher Hamilton, Dublin; John M'Connell, Belfast; Thomas Shillington, Portadown; John Boyd, Cootehill; John Galt, Coleraine; James Boyd, Larne; Jeremiah Mains, Tanderagee; John Johnston, Lurgan; John Noble, Armagh; John Ross, Dromore; Robert Cherry, Glasslough.

N.B. The Report presented by the Rev. Thomas Edwards, the General Superintendent of the Missionary Schools, has been highly gratifying; and the general prosperity of the Schools and Missions is to the Conference a subject of thanksgiving to Almighty God.

Q. 19. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., William Smith, Matthew Tobias, John Stuart, Henry Deery, William Stewart, Charles Mayne, Thomas Waugh, William Ferguson, Thomas Wade Doolittle, and the other Dublin Preachers.

Q. 20. Who are the Liquidating Committee?

A. The Dublin Preachers, together with Messrs. Adolphus Nordblad, Henry Heney, Christopher Hamilton, William Kent, Archibald Wilson, James Carson, William Hodgins, John Thwaites.

Q. 21. What can be done more effectually to promote the important duties of fasting and humiliation, with a view to the revival of the work of God?

A. From the satisfactory evidence which is derived from the sacred Scriptures, that the most happy results have invariably followed a conscientious discharge of these duties; and also, from a review of the happy effects which have frequently followed in the glorious revivals of religion of which our venerable Founder was a distinguished instrument; and being encouraged by the tokens of the Divine approbation which we have witnessed during the last year; the Conference most earnestly recommend, that all our Societies shall strictly observe the first Fridays in Sep-

tember, December, March and June, as days of fasting, humiliation, and fervent prayer; with a special view that the Head of the Church, may pour out His Holy Spirit, that the great end for the hastening of which, we have been raised up a people, may come to pass; and that the kingdom of our God and of his Christ, may be extended and established by the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers on their most holy faith.

Q. 22. What shall be done more effectually to secure the Leases and Deeds of our Chapels and Preachers' dwelling-houses?

A. All the Leases and Deeds of Chapels and Preachers' dwelling-houses, which are in the hands of our brethren and friends in the country, shall either be brought up to Dublin, and deposited in the Iron Safe; or a report shall be made where and in whose hands they are; and an account of all our Chapels and Chapel Deeds, &c., shall be entered in a book which shall be provided for that purpose. Brother Henry Deery is appointed to carry this resolution into effect.

Q. 23. Who are the Committee to carry the arrangements of the Book Concerns into effect?

A. The Dublin Preachers, Matthew Tobias, Andrew Hamilton, jun., William Stewart, Samuel Wood, Charles Mayne, David Waugh, Thomas Waugh.

Q. 24. Who are the Building and Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, Samuel Wood, Henry Deery, Chas. Mayne, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Crook, John Nelson, Samuel Harpur, Thomas Ridgeway, Alexander Mackey, together with eleven brethren, not travelling Preachers, who shall be chosen, one in each District.

Q. 25. What Chapels are to be built this year?

A. A chapel and two chapel-houses, and a large school-house for sunday and daily schools in the city of Cork.

One chapel in Abbyleix; one in Ballymoate; one in Drumshambo; one in Ballinamore; one in Enniskillen; one in Newcastle; one in Bellaghy; one in Castledawson; one in Magherafelt; one in Newtown-crumlin; one in Mullafarry; one in Laurancetown, on the Banagher Mission; one *in Larne;* one in Ballyclare; one in Kill[illegible]

Q. 26. When shall the Financial District Meetings held?

A. On the last Wednesday in next August.

Q. 27. When shall the Annual District Meetings held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 28. When shall the different Committees m previously to the sitting of the ensuing Conference?

A. The Chairmen of Districts, on Wednesday the 2 of June, at six o'clock, A.M. The Stationing Committee Thursday, the 28th, at six o'clock, A.M. The Book C mittee, on Friday the 29th, at six o'clock, A.M. The M sionary Committee on the same day, at one o'clock, The Building and Chapel Fund Committee, on Satur the 30th of June, at six o'clock, A.M.

Q. 29. Who are the Treasurers of the respective Fu to whom alone all communications shall be made on respective business of each Fund in the course of the ye

A. William Stewart, Treasurer, and Thomas Wa Secretary to the Contingent Fund; John Stuart, of Legalized and Preachers' Auxiliary Funds; Thomas wards of the Missionary and School Funds; Will Ferguson, of the Building and Chapel Fund.

All Communications to the respective Treasurers ar be post paid.

N.B. All Letters on Missionary affairs shall be addres to the Rev. Mr. Edwards, No. 13, Whitefriar-street, Dub

Q. 30. Who are our Representatives to the Bri Conference?

A. Matthew Tobias, Thomas Waugh.

Q. 31. When and where shall our next Conference held?

A. In Belfast, on the first Monday in July, 1827.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOSEPH ENTWISLE, *President.*
ANDREW HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

General Deficiency this Year.

	£	s.	d.
Castleblayney	26	10	0
Dungannon	28	4	6
	£54	14	6

N.B. £16 4s. 2d. of the deficiency on the Dungannon Circuit, has arisen from 133 Members having been given over to the Cookstown Mission.

Amount of Surplus.

	£	s.	d.
Skibbereen	2	13	4
Roscrea	1	18	3
Cloughjordan	5	10	5½
Mountrath	4	12	2½
Longford	11	11	8
Clones, &c.	1	13	9½
Monaghan, &c.	0	6	3½
	£28	6	0

Donations, &c.

	£	s.	d.
James Hill, Esq., by Br. Hamilton ...	97	10	0
A Gentleman of Glasgow (not a Methodist) by the Rev. J. Entwisle	1	1	8
From Birmingham, by Do.	21	13	4
A small token of gratitude for multiplied mercies	10	16	8
An unknown friend, by Br. Wood ...	10	0	0
The late Miss Church's Bequest ...	15	0	0
Mrs. Shiel's Legacy	4	10	8
	£160	2	4

The Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very dear Fathers and Brethren,

With peculiar feelings of delight, we hail the opportunity of presenting to you our Annual Address. The constant repetition of the practice has not sunk it into a matter of form, or a thing of course.

We have still subjects of the deepest importance whereon to address you, and in these our hearts feel the strongest interest. While one object is pursued on each side of the water, while vital godliness in the Methodist ministry, while "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good-will toward men," continue to be our motto, so long shall our Addresses rise above mere form, and express the genuine feelings and sentiments of our hearts.

This godliness has not diminished with you, and, thank God, neither has it with us. Nay, we are sure, and for this assurance we are thankful, that there never was a time when the doctrines of the Cross were better understood, more faithfully preached, or more deeply experienced amongst us. It is true, we have long been permitted to suffer; through the fire, and through the water we have passed; extreme have been our difficulties; perplexing have been our cares; without were fightings, and within were fears; we were "persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." In the fire and in the water we were preserved; our difficulties have begun to lessen, and our perplexities recede apace. The darkness which enveloped us is partially removed, and the dawn of a brighter day is at length visible.

Our temporal concerns have assumed a more cheerful aspect; our spiritual improvements we know to be progressive; and many seals have been given to our ministry the last year.

We have spoken of our distresses, but use not, in reference to them, the language of complaint. We believe the applicability of that scripture to a church as to an individual, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth

every son whom he receiveth." The truth of his promises has been manifested, by sustaining us in the time of trial, affording us the opportunity of witnessing your tender sympathy, solid and continued friendship; teaching us such lessons, as could be learned only in the school of suffering; and now gradually relieving us from all we have endured.

Your contributions to our necessities deserve our warmest thanks, and entitle you to our deepest gratitude. But not on this account alone are our acknowledgments to be made; you have done still more; by the wisdom of your counsels you have taught us how to help ourselves, and thus ultimately rise, through the divine blessing, above all our difficulties.

We consider that this year we have been very especially favoured by the coming of our highly respected and beloved President, the Rev. Robert Newton, and our faithful friend and countryman, the Rev. Dr. Clarke.

The ministerial gifts of these eminent men have tended greatly to promote the spiritual interests of our people; their explanation of your excellent discipline, has had a powerful influence upon our minds; and our only regret is, that their stay was so limited. We feel most deeply obliged by the visit of the Rev. Richard Waddy. His labours have been very great among our Societies; he travelled extensively, preached frequently, and devoted his mind to the investigation of all our affairs.

Having visited many Circuits, he has pointed out various improvements, which, we trust, will be made in them, tending to make the families of the Preachers more comfortable, the Circuits themselves more prosperous, and the work of God more deep and extensive amongst us. His clear statements and cogent reasonings have had a powerful influence both upon the Preachers and the people. Your excellent system of finance is better understood, and will, we expect, be brought into more general and successful operation in all our Societies. Most cordially do we thank you for having sent him; and most earnestly would we intreat that he may be permitted to visit us the ensuing year.

You have not, however, confined your efforts in doing

good to Ireland, merely to the Circuits regularly formed. You feel for every part of our island; and the moral destitution of its inhabitants has not been forgotten. The means most likely to raise the character of the nation are employed, and, blessed be God, are attended with success. Men commissioned from heaven and supported by your liberality, proclaim the truth of God to every description of people. And though they may not have had all that extensive success we would wish, still we can say, that God has owned their labours. Many souls are gone to glory, and numbers are on their journey thither, the fruit of missionary toil. The former and the latter visit of the Rev. George Morley and his labours in the Missionary department, have been highly valuable, and are duly appreciated by us. Nor have we any hesitation in stating our belief, that the effect of those visits will be, under God, to give still greater efficiency to our Irish Mission. You send the everlasting Gospel to those arrived at maturity. Your labour of love finds not its termination there. The rising generation are remembered; your active beneficence has reached to those also. We have regretted that any circumstance should have arisen to prevent the Rev. Valentine Ward from visiting us at the time expected. We cannot forget how he explored our island, travelled its most uncultivated districts, and commenced those Schools, which are now in active operation, and promise to be a general blessing to our benighted land. Late though he came, we were rejoiced to see him; and short as has been his stay, it has produced beneficial results.

Your active and respected agent, the Rev. Thomas Bewley, has faithfully attended to that department, and the accounts of its prosperity are delightful to every christian heart. In these Schools we see the diffusion of heavenly knowledge, mark the march of divine truth in the minds of the rising generation, perceive a foundation laid for a more general acquaintance with the Gospel of God our Saviour, and hail, through their instrumentality, the ultimate downfall of bigotry and superstition.

Our Conference has been held this year for the first time in the city of Cork; and we do believe, that the religious services connected with its sittings, have proved a *great blessing* to many of its inhabitants and to friends from

the surrounding country. It is true, when comparing our success with yours, we feel ourselves to be far behind; but remembering how, in this same city, the venerable John and Charles Wesley, and their companions, were once treated, we cannot help exclaiming with heartfelt gratitude, while comparing the past with the present, Behold, what God hath wrought! He that has wrought, will continue to work, till his enemies shall be subdued, his kingdom be established in every part of this darkened land, and all his promises be perfectly fulfilled. Amen, so let it be, Lord Jesus!

As the Lord has made us instrumental in enlightening our people, we feel more strongly resolved than ever, to cultivate our minds in reference to the great work of eternal salvation. We are determined, God being our helper, so to read, study, mark, and inwardly digest the Holy Scriptures, that we may be workmen "needing not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We are resolved also to be more faithful to the command of our Lord Jesus in literally going to the highways and hedges, the streets and the lanes of the cities; and do expect, that he who hath given the command, will fulfil his gracious promise, "Lo! I am with you alway, even to the end of the world."

We send you, as our Representatives, our much beloved and highly esteemed Brethren, the Rev. William Stewart, and the Rev. Thomas Wade Doolittle, who have long enjoyed our confidence, and have proved that it was rightly placed. We commend them to you in the Lord.

And now, Fathers and Brethren, being convinced that the good which is done in the earth, the Lord doeth it, we feel it our duty to pray most fervently, that the Holy Spirit may be poured forth abundantly upon the whole Connexion. May his enlightening, quickening, and sanctifying influences be more powerfully felt amongst us. May you, may we, have more numerous seals to our ministry, which shall be our crown of rejoicing in the day of our Lord Jesus, and our companions in glory for ever and ever.

Signed by order,

SAMUEL WOOD, Secretary.

Cork, July 14, 1825.

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address from the Irish Conference.

Dear Brethren,

We receive with cordial esteem and affection, th renewed assurances of your brotherly love and confidenc

Your affectionate Address, presented to us by your ex cellent Representatives, the Rev. Messrs. Stewart an Doolittle, has again brought before us the circumstanc of that part of our Lord's vineyard, which God has com mitted to your hands, and to the culture of which yo labours are faithfully devoted.

It is very gratifying to us to be informed, that in ou earnest solicitude to promote your welfare, in our ende vours to lessen the pressure of your embarrassments, an in assisting to improve the economy of your affairs, ou labour has not been "in vain in the Lord." We rega ourselves only as the instruments of our common Maste and whatever good may result to you, will ever be matt of gratitude and delight to us. We are not unacquaint with the peculiar difficulties which oppose you in yo field of labour. In such a service you have need of speci patience to endure, and of more than ordinary grace help you. Be assured, dear Brethren, of a deep and co tinued interest in our sympathy and our prayers, whil with the armour of God, and the power of his Spirit, y are assailing the strong holds of Satan.

We indulge a confident hope, that the powerful appe which have been recently made to the public mind in so parts of your country, in reference to the great Protest principle of freely circulating the Scriptures, will eventua tend to much good. We are devoutly thankful for t success which has already attended the arduous labours our Missionaries in Ireland; and venture to hope, t the enlarged and improved system of operations which l been recently introduced, both with respect to the minis of the word, and the introduction of schools, will, throu the Divine blessing, produce results yet more extens and beneficial.

The want of education, and more especially, of ea religious instruction, has been justly regarded as one *the chief* sources of that moral debasement, the effects

which are so much to be deplored. We therefore most earnestly pray, that as the christian public possess the means of applying the appropriate remedy, it may please God to dispose the hearts of all to employ their utmost influence in promoting this good work.

We rejoice that the labours of the Rev. Robert Newton, your last President, of Dr. Clarke, and of the Rev. Richard Waddy, in their recent visit to Ireland, have proved so gratifying to you, and so effective in promoting the cause of our adorable Redeemer. They have most ably and faithfully fulfilled that service which was entrusted to them, and will not fail to find their best reward (next to the approbation of their great Master) in the success of their endeavours to promote your prosperity.

We have unanimously appointed our excellent and beloved President, the Rev. Joseph Entwisle, who now for the second time fills the chair of our Conference, to preside in your next Conference; and have requested our much respected brother, the Rev. Jabez Bunting, our Secretary, and the Rev. Jonathan Barker, to accompany him on that occasion.

Our highly esteemed brethren, your Representatives, will fully acquaint you with our affairs. Although our increase of members this year has not been so large as usual, we yet rejoice that God is amongst us of a truth. "The blind see," "the deaf hear," and "the dead are raised." We still "hold fast the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." God continues to give "testimony to the word of his grace," sinners are converted unto him, and the churches of Christ are edified in truth and love. Never were the hearts of our people animated with more fervent zeal for the prosperity of Zion, and for the christianization of the whole human race.

In referring to the list of those Preachers who have been called to their reward, during the last year, the name of the Rev. Walter Griffith, a native of your island, and greatly endeared to our Connexion by his distinguished piety and important services, will not soon be forgotten. But, thanks be unto God, his cause dies not. As those who have long borne the heat and burden of the day retire to their final rest, the great Lord of the harvest is sending forth *fresh labourers into his* harvest. Numerous candi-

dates of the highest promise offer themselves for a part in our ministry; either to carry the gospel to heathen lands, or to co-operate with us at home in extending our Redeemer's kingdom.

The great sphere of our missionary operations continues to enlarge; and the zeal of our people to aid this glorious cause, fully keeps pace with the exemplary and devoted labours of our Missionaries. The spirit and power of persecution are likely to receive an effectual check, through the wise and liberal policy of our rulers. His Majesty's Government, supported by the unanimous vote of the House of Commons, appears determined to enforce, throughout the British Colonies, the same religious toleration which we enjoy in this favoured country.

Hitherto the Lord hath helped us; and we are assured he will never leave us, nor forsake us. We earnestly invite you, beloved Brethren, to unite with us in our humble, but fixed determination to devote ourselves anew and more unreservedly than ever, to the work of our Redeemer. May the hand of the Lord be with us all!

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINDROD, *Sub-Secretary.*

Bristol, August 5, 1825.

BELFAST, Monday, July 2, 1827.

Q. 1. What Preachers are admitted into FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. John Stethem Wilson, Fossey Tackaberry, Henry Price, James Benjamin Gillman, Patrick Ffrench.*

* Brother Ffrench was a local preacher of good standing in the Dublin Circuit. With the approval of the Ministers of that Circuit, he offered himself to the Missionary Committee for service in the West Indies, was accepted, and in 1818 was appointed to St. Kitts. His health having failed, he this year returned home, and was, as above stated, received into full connexion with the Conference.

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icklow,	James Johnston, John Clendinnen; Alexander Moore, Supernumerary.

JOHN STUART, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

aterford,	John Carey, John Frazer Mathews.
rlow,	David Waugh, John Stethem Wilson; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
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III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

rk,	William Stewart, Thomas Waugh.
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19 *Longford,* Samuel Downing, John Jebb; Richa Price, Supernumerary.

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20 *Sligo,* John Nelson, John Harrington.
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22 *Ballina,* James M'Cutcheon; William M'C nock, Supernumerary.

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24 *Killeshandra and Boyle,* John Nesbitt, Robert Wils James Henry; King Barton, Sup numerary.
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28 *Londonderry,* John Hill, Joseph Edgerton; Fra Armstrong, James Smith, Will Pollock, Supernumeraries.
29 *Irvinestown,* Alexander Sturgeon, George M'Elw
30 *Newtownstewart,* Archibald Murdoch, Henry Pr John M'Arthur, Robert Car Supernumeraries.

ARCHIBALD MURDOCH, *Chairman of the District.*

X. The Belfast District.

Belfast,	William Reilly, Matthew Lanktree, jun.; Blakely Dowling, Thomas Brown, Supernumeraries.
Bangor,	George Burrows, Supernumerary.
Donaghadee,	Michael Burrows, John P. Hetherington.*
Downpatrick,	William Kidd, William Hamilton.
Carrickfergus and Larne,	Alexander Mackey, John Campbell, Daniel M'Afee.
Coleraine,	Richard Taylor Tracy, John Holmes; John Dinnen, Supernumerary.
Coleburn,	Matthew Lanktree, sen., Robert Beauchamp.

William Reilly, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. The Newry District.

Newry,	William Keys, James Lynch.
Dungannon,	Thomas Ballard, James Stuart.
Armagh,	James Rutledge, John Greer.
Organ,	Henry Deery, Samuel Harpur; John Malcomson, Supernumerary.
Tanderagee,	Thomas Ridgeway; Robert Cranston, Supernumerary.
Londonderagee,	William Armstrong, Claudius Byrne; Zachariah Worrell, John Wilson, sen., Daniel Pedlow, Supernumeraries.

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Missionary Stations.

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2 *County Kilkenny*, James Olliffe.
3 *Youghal*, Samuel Kyle.
4 *Rosscarbery*, William Foote.
5 *Killaloe & Kilrush*, James Sullivan.
6 *Galway & Connemara*, James Lamb.
7 *Lawrencetown, Ballina, & Castlereagh*, Arthur Noble, Francis Stephens.
8 *Tyrawley*, William Cornwall.
9 *Cavan*, John Armstrong.
10 *Donegal*, Edward Cobain, John Feely.
11 *Rathmelton & Stranorlar*, William Finley, William Guard.
12 *Ballymena*, James Carter, Patrick Ffrench.
13 *Magherafelt*, Samuel M'Dowell, John Saul.
14 *Newtownlimavaddy*, Charles M'Cord.

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Celbridge, Trim, and Glen of Imale, to the Dublin District.

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Lawrencetown and Tyrawley to the Tullamore District.

County Cavan to the Clones District.

N.B. Letters to be directed to Ballyjamesduff.

Donegal, to the Enniskillen District.

Rathmelton, Stranorlar, and Newtownlimavaddy, to the Londonderry District.

Ballymena and Magherafelt to the Belfast District.

Q. 7. What are the numbers in our Society?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin . .	1096	Wexford . .	232
Drogheda . .	263	Cork . .	510
Castleblayney .	460	Mallow and Cove .	167
Wicklow . .	253	Bandon . .	607
Waterford .	204	Skibbereen . .	366
Carlow .	227	Limerick . .	408
Newtownbarry .	256	Tralee . .	120

ree	.	241	Lurgan . . 860
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na	.	200	County Kilkenny . 149
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y	.	607	Galway & Connemara 26
skillen & Brook-			Castlereagh . . 28
rough	.	1313	Erris . . 40
rhamilton	.	900	Easkey . . 46
londerry	.	550	Banagher . . 55
estown	.	1310	Ballinasloe . . 78
ownstewart	.	1216	Trim . . 71
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8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

As follows, viz.—

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The Answer of the British Committee to the Address from the Irish Committee.

Dear Brethren,

We receive with cordial esteem and affection, the renewed assurances of your brotherly love and confidence.

Your affectionate Address, presented to us by your excellent Representatives, the Rev. Messrs. Stewart and Drollinger, has again brought before us the circumstances of that part of our Lord's vineyard, which God has committed to your hands, and to the culture of which your labours are faithfully devoted.

It is very gratifying to us to be informed, that in our earnest solicitude to promote your welfare, in our endeavours to lessen the pressure of your embarrassments, and in assisting to improve the economy of your affairs, our labour has not been "in vain in the Lord." We regard ourselves only as the instruments of our common Master; and whatever good may result to you, will ever be matter of gratitude and delight to us. We are not unacquainted with the peculiar difficulties which oppose you in your field of labour. In such a service you have need of special patience to endure, and of more than ordinary grace to help you. Be assured, dear Brethren, of a deep and continued interest in our sympathy and our prayers, while, with the armour of God, and the power of his Spirit, you are assailing the strong holds of Satan.

We indulge a confident hope, that the powerful appeals which have been recently made to the public mind in some parts of your country, in reference to the great Protestant principle of freely circulating the Scriptures, will eventually tend to much good. We are devoutly thankful for the success which has already attended the arduous labours of our Missionaries in Ireland; and venture to hope, that the enlarged and improved system of operations which has been recently introduced, both with respect to the ministry of the word, and the introduction of schools, will, through the Divine blessing, produce results yet more extensive and beneficial.

The want of education, and more especially, of early religious instruction, has been justly regarded as one of *the chief* sources of that moral debasement, the effects

which are so much to be deplored. We therefore most earnestly pray, that as the christian public possess the means of applying the appropriate remedy, it may please God to dispose the hearts of all to employ their utmost influence in promoting this good work.

We rejoice that the labours of the Rev. Robert Newton, your last President, of Dr. Clarke, and of the Rev. Richard Waddy, in their recent visit to Ireland, have proved so gratifying to you, and so effective in promoting the cause of our adorable Redeemer. They have most ably and faithfully fulfilled that service which was entrusted to them, and will not fail to find their best reward (next to the approbation of their great Master) in the success of their endeavours to promote your prosperity.

We have unanimously appointed our excellent and beloved President, the Rev. Joseph Entwisle, who now for the second time fills the chair of our Conference, to preside in your next Conference; and have requested our much respected brother, the Rev. Jabez Bunting, our Secretary, and the Rev. Jonathan Barker, to accompany him on that occasion.

Our highly esteemed brethren, your Representatives, will fully acquaint you with our affairs. Although our increase of members this year has not been so large as usual, we yet rejoice that God is amongst us of a truth. "The blind see," "the deaf hear," and "the dead are raised." We still "hold fast the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." God continues to give "testimony to the word of his grace," sinners are converted unto him, and the churches of Christ are edified in truth and love. Never were the hearts of our people animated with more fervent zeal for the prosperity of Zion, and for the christianization of the whole human race.

In referring to the list of those Preachers who have been called to their reward, during the last year, the name of the Rev. Walter Griffith, a native of your island, and greatly endeared to our Connexion by his distinguished piety and important services, will not soon be forgotten. But, thanks be unto God, his cause dies not. As those who have long borne the heat and burden of the day retire to their final rest, the great Lord of the harvest is sending *forth fresh labourers into* his harvest. Numerous candi-

dates of the highest promise offer themselves for a part in our ministry; either to carry the gospel to heathen lands, or to co-operate with us at home in extending our Redeemer's kingdom.

The great sphere of our missionary operations continues to enlarge; and the zeal of our people to aid this glorious cause, fully keeps pace with the exemplary and devoted labours of our Missionaries. The spirit and power of persecution are likely to receive an effectual check, through the wise and liberal policy of our rulers. His Majesty's Government, supported by the unanimous vote of the House of Commons, appears determined to enforce, throughout the British Colonies, the same religious toleration which we enjoy in this favoured country.

Hitherto the Lord hath helped us; and we are assured he will never leave us, nor forsake us. We earnestly invite you, beloved Brethren, to unite with us in our humble, but fixed determination to devote ourselves anew and more unreservedly than ever, to the work of our Redeemer. May the hand of the Lord be with us all!

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINDROD, *Sub-Secretary.*

Bristol, August 5, 1825.

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Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preacher

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin,* John Stuart, John Howe, Foss Tackaberry; Thomas Wade Do little, Book-Steward; John Ke Michael Murphy, William Smit William Ferguson, James M'Keow John Clegg, Supernumeraries.

2 *Drogheda*, Charles Mayne, James Calcutt Pratt.
3 *Castleblayney*, William Douglas, John Remmington.
4 *Wicklow*, James Johnston, John Clendinnen; Alexander Moore, Supernumerary.

JOHN STUART, *Chairman of the District.*

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5 *Waterford*, John Carey, John Frazer Mathews.
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9 *Cavan*, John Armstrong.
10 *Donegal*, Edward Cobain, John Feely.
11 *Rathmelton & Stranorlar*, William Finley, William Gu
12 *Ballymena*, James Carter, Patrick Ffrench.
13 *Magherafelt*, Samuel M'Dowell, John Saul.
14 *Newtownlimavaddy*, Charles M'Cord.

The Missionary Stations are attached to their sev
Districts as follows, viz:

Celbridge, Trim, and Glen of Imale, to the Dul
District.

County Kilkenny, to the Waterford District.

Youghal and Rosscarbery, to the Cork District.

Killaloe and Kilrush to the Limerick District.

Galway and Connemara, to the Sligo District.

Lawrencetown and Tyrawley to the Tullamore Dist

County Cavan to the Clones District.

N.B. Letters to be directed to Ballyjamesduff.

Donegal, to the Enniskillen District.

Rathmelton, Stranorlar, and Newtownlimavaddy, to
Londonderry District.

Ballymena and Magherafelt to the Belfast District.

Q. 7. What are the numbers in our Society?

A. As follows, viz:—

Dublin .	1096	Wexford .	.
Drogheda .	263	Cork .	.
Castleblayney	460	Mallow and Cove	.
Wicklow .	253	Bandon .	.
Waterford .	204	Skibbereen .	.
Carlow .	227	Limerick .	.
Newtownbarry	256	Tralee .	.

rea . .	241
ghjordan .	160
more . .	172
ntrath . .	387
ford . .	207
. .	525
ebar . .	160
na . .	200
es and Cavan .	508
shandra & Boyle	601
ughan & Aughna-	
y . .	607
skillen & Brook-	
rough . .	1313
rhamilton .	900
onderry .	550
estown . .	1310
ownstewart .	1216
st . .	500
ghadee .	380
patrick .	320
ckfergus .	455
aine . .	380
rn . .	586
y . .	282
annon .	572
gh & Charlemont	622
Lurgan . .	860
Moira . .	270
Tanderagee . .	917
Missions.	
Swords . .	30
Naas . .	28
County Kilkenny .	149
Youghal . .	90
Dingle . .	20
Killaloe & Kilrush .	82
Galway & Connemara	26
Castlereagh . .	28
Erris . .	40
Easkey . .	46
Banagher . .	55
Ballinasloe . .	78
Trim . .	71
Donegal . .	455
Rathmelton & Stran-	
orlar . .	168
Ballymena . .	673
Cookstown and New-	
townlimavaddy .	191
	22,603

migrations during the year, 411.

8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection? As follows, viz.—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
in . .	80	0	0	Skibbereen .	6	12	0
heda .	16	10	0	Limerick .	13	5	6
blayney .	4	0	0	Tralee .	12	0	0
low .	10	12	0	Roscrea. .	8	14	0
rford .	24	16	0	Cloughjordan .	5	5	0
w . .	11	10	0	Tullamore .	6	16	7
ownbarry .	7	10	0	Mountrath .	7	9	4
ord .	8	1	0	Longford .	4	17	1
. .	50	13	2	Sligo . .	11	0	0
w & Cove	7	2	10	Castlebar .	9	1	0
on. .	*21*	*16*	*6*	Ballina. .	5	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Clones & Cavan.	4	10	0
Killeshandra and Boyle	6	1	4
Monaghan, &c.	6	10	0
Enniskillen	12	0	0
Manorhamilton	5	12	5
Londonderry	8	18	7
Irvinestown	6	14	2
Newtownstewart	7	5	2
Belfast	13	0	0
Donaghadee	5	0	0
Downpatrick	4	1	3
Carrickfergus	6	0	0
Coleraine	3	9	6
Lisburn	3	7	9
Newry	4	0	1
Dungannon	4	11	0
Armagh	6	10	0
Lurgan	5	4	2
Moira	2	8	11
Tanderagee	3	4	9

Missions.	£	s.	d.
Swords	1	1	6
County Kilkenny	3	7	2
Youghal	5	0	0
Dingle	0	10	0
Killaloe	6	2	4
Galway	2	0	0
Castlereagh	0	10	0
Ballinasloe	4	0	0
Trim	2	13	2
Donegal	2	5	6
Rathmelton	1	2	4
Ballymena	1	10	0
Cookstown, &c.	0	13	10
Erris	0	0	0
Easkey	0	0	0
Banagher	0	0	0
	£474	19	9

Q. 9. What has been contributed by the Circuits towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. As follows, viz.—

	£	s.	d.
Dublin	25	3	6
Drogheda	14	8	11
Castleblayney	2	0	0
Wicklow	7	6	10
Waterford	9	5	3
Carlow	5	0	0
Newtownbarry	3	3	1
Wexford	4	11	0
Cork	13	15	0
Mallow, &c.	4	0	0
Bandon	10	0	0
Skibbereen	1	18	11
Limerick	6	2	10
Tralee	1	15	1
Roscrea	6	0	0
Cloughjordan	3	10	0
Tullamore	3	0	0
Mountrath	5	18	6
Longford	6	0	0
Sligo	5	0	0
Castlebar	3	11	2
Ballina	1	6	2
Clones, &c.	2	12	4
Killeshandra and Boyle	4	5	0
Monaghan, &c.	4	4	0
Enniskillen, &c.	5	0	0
Manorhamilton	2	10	0
Londonderry	6	0	0
Irvinestown	3	16	0
Newtownstewart	2	10	0
Belfast	20	0	0
Donaghadee	3	17	6
Downpatrick	4	0	0

Carrickfergus	6	10	0	Youghal	1	2	0
Coleraine	5	10	0	Dingle	0	0	0
Lisburn	7	16	0	Killaloe, &c.	1	0	0
Newry	3	4	10	Galway, &c.	2	0	0
Dungannon	2	18	0	Castlereagh	1	10	0
Armagh, &c.	7	0	0	Erris	0	0	0
Lurgan	5	6	6	Easkey	0	0	0
Moira	0	0	0	Banagher	1	10	0
Tanderagee	9	14	0	Ballinasloe	1	0	0
				Trim	0	0	0
MISSIONS.				Donegal	0	0	0
Swords	0	7	0	Rathmelton	0	0	0
Naas	0	0	0	Ballymena	0	15	1
Co. Kilkenny	1	4	0	Cookstown	0	0	0

Q. 10. How many wives and children are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-four wives; one hundred and sixty-eight children on the maintenance, and one hundred and four on the education lists.

Q. 11. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the Districts; aided from the Contingent Fund in the following proportions, viz.—

DISTRICTS.	Numbers.	Wives.	Children on Maintenance.	Children on Education.	Grant from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin	2072	$6\frac{1}{2}$	17	11	£100
2 Waterford	919	3	8	5	106
3 Cork	1650	$5\frac{1}{4}$	14	8	86
4 Limerick	927	3	$8\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$	86
5 Tullamore	766	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{3}{4}$	4	140
6 Sligo	885	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$7\frac{3}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$	65
7 Clones	1716	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{1}{4}$	9	180
8 Enniskillen	2213	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$18\frac{1}{4}$	$11\frac{1}{4}$	207
9 Londonderry	3081	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$23\frac{1}{4}$	16	270
10 Belfast	2621	$8\frac{1}{4}$	$21\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{4}$	170
11 Newry	3523	$11\frac{1}{4}$	29	18	290
	20372	64	168	104	£1700

N.B. The above sum is likely all that will be disposable at the Conference, 1828, and has been so apportioned to the necessities of the respective Districts, as to put it within the reach of each to meet its deficiencies; which allowance so apportioned shall be absolute for the year.

Q. 12. What is the judgment of the Conference with respect to deficiencies from this time henceforward?

A. The judgment of the Conference is, that on all deficiencies that may be presented for payment from this period, the Preachers of such Circuits shall be called on to pay 2½ per cent. on said deficiencies; and the remaining part shall be sent back to the Circuits to be provided for in the ensuing year.

Q. 13. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. As follows, viz.—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dublin	27	5	6	Clones, &c.	1	3	0
Drogheda	1	8	0	Killeshandra and Boyle	1	1	0
Castleblayney	1	0	0	Monaghan, &c.	1	1	0
Wicklow	2	2	6	Enniskillen	1	7	0
Waterford	6	3	0	Manorhamilton	1	1	0
Carlow	1	5	0	Londonderry	1	4	6
Newtownbarry	1	1	0	Irvinestown	1	1	0
Wexford	2	0	0	Newtownstewart	1	1	0
Cork	18	10	0	Belfast	7	0	0
Mallow & Cove	1	14	1	Donaghadee	1	1	0
Bandon	14	17	6	Downpatrick	2	0	0
Skibbereen	1	1	0	Carrickfergus	2	0	0
Limerick	5	6	0	Coleraine	2	0	0
Tralee	1	0	0	Lisburn	3	0	0
Roscrea	3	0	0	Newry	1	6	0
Cloughjordan	1	0	0	Dungannon	1	1	0
Tullamore	2	5	0	Armagh, &c.	1	10	0
Mountrath	1	15	0	Lurgan	2	0	0
Longford	3	9	8	Moira	1	1	0
Sligo	5	0	0	Tanderagee	3	0	0
Castlebar	2	2	0				
Ballina	1	17	2				

Missions.						
				Erris	1	0 0
				Easkey	1	0 0
ı & Naas	1	0	0	Banagher	1	0 0
lkenny	1	1	0	Ballinasloe	1	0 0
al	1	1	0	Trim	1	0 0
	1	0	0	Donegal	1	0 0
e, &c.	1	12	6	Rathmelton, &c.	1	1 0
y, &c.	1	0	0	Ballymena	1	9 0
eagh	1	0	0	Cookstown, &c.	1	10 0

14. What shall be done in order to ensure a more ; return of members, deaths, removals, &c., at the ence?

Each Circuit shall be supplied with Schedules, in shall be stated the particulars ascertained at each rly visitation of the classes, and from which the ntendent of each Circuit shall make an annual re- f each Society, to be examined at the several District gs, and to be forthcoming at the Conference.

. The Mission Stations shall be subject to the same tions.

15. What can be done more effectually to promote portant duties of fasting and humiliation, with a) the revival of the work of God?

From the satisfactory evidence which is derived from ıcred Scriptures, that the most happy results have bly followed a conscientious discharge of these and also from a review of the happy effects which equently followed in the glorious revivals of religion, ch our venerable Founder was a distinguished in- nt; and, being encouraged by the tokens of the Di- probation which we have witnessed during the last he Conference most earnestly recommend, that all cieties will strictly observe the first Fridays in Sep- , December, March and June, as days of fasting, ation, and fervent prayer, with a *special* view, that ad of the Church may pour out His Holy Spirit, ıe great end for the hastening of which, we have aised up a people, may come to pass; and that the m of our God and of his Christ may be extended, ablished by the conversion of sinners, and the edifi- of believers on their most holy faith.

Q. 16. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Matthew Tobias, Henry Deery, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas Waugh, Samuel Harpur, Alexander Sturgeon, William Ferguson, Thomas W. Doolittle, together with the Preachers of the Dublin Circuit.

Q. 17. Who are the Missionary Committee to review the concerns of the Missions at the ensuing Conference?

A. Andrew Hamilton, jun., Matthew Lanktree, sen., William Stewart, David Waugh, Henry Deery, Samuel Harpur, John Nelson, William Crook, Robert Bruce, William Reilly, John Hadden, Thomas Waugh, John Hill, and the Secretary of the Conference; together with the following thirteen gentlemen:—Henry Heney, William Carson, Christopher Hamilton, Dublin; Moses Rowe, Wexford; James Woods, Cork; Joseph Leech, Roscrea; William Kelly, Mountrath; William Young, Castlebar; John Boyd, Cootehill; Hugh Copeland, Enniskillen; Gabriel Cather, Omagh; John M'Connel, Belfast; John Johnston, Lurgan.

The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the monies raised shall be remitted to the General Treasurers, the first weeks in December, March and June. Also the yearly accounts of the local Societies, shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, instead of the 30th of June, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Secretaries.

Q. 18. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. John Stuart, Matthew Tobias, Archibald Murdoch, Henry Deery, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, William Crook, Robert Bruce, Alexander Mackey, Richard Taylor Tracy; together with eleven brethren, not travelling Preachers, who shall be chosen, one in each District. The brethren not travelling Preachers, who may be members of the Chapel Fund Committee, shall be annually chosen from each Circuit in the Districts alternately. And provided the Committee thus chosen shall, on its first sitting, previously to the Conference, be found incomplete, the Committee thus

assembled shall have the privilege of filling up the vacancies, by a selection from the trustees of chapels, who may be in town at the time, where the Conference shall be held.

Q. 19. Who shall be the Committee to whom all cases of building, enlarging and repairing Chapels shall be referred?

A. The Preachers of the Dublin Circuit, with Messrs. Arthur Williams and Henry Heney. William Ferguson, Secretary.

Q. 20. What Chapels are to be built this year?

A. One in each of the following places, viz:—Ballymoate, Drumshambo, Ballynamore, Mullafarry, Ballyclare, Hydepark, Castledawson, and Magherafelt.

Q. 21. Who are the Treasurers of the respective Funds, to whom alone all communications shall be made on the business of each Fund in the course of the year?

A. William Stewart, Treasurer, Thomas Waugh, Secretary, of the Contingent Fund; John Stuart, Treasurer, of the Legalized and Auxiliary Funds; Thomas Edwards, Treasurer, of the Mission School Fund; William Ferguson, Secretary, of the Chapel Fund.

Q. 22. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in August.

Q. 23. When shall the Annual District Meetings be held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 24. When shall the different Committees meet previously to the sitting of the ensuing Conference?

A. The Stationing Committee on Wednesday 25th June. The Book Committee on Thursday 26th June. The Chairman of Districts on Friday 27th June. The Missionary Committee on Saturday 28th June. The Chapel Fund Committee on Monday 30th June.

N.B. The Committees are to meet at ten o'clock, A.M.

Q. 25. Who are the Representatives to the British Conference?

A. John Stuart and William Reilly.

Q. 26. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin, on Tuesday, the first of July, 1828.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

RICHARD WATSON, *President.*

SAMUEL WOOD, *Secretary.*

General Deficiencies

	£	s.	d.
Dublin	48	16	6
Drogheda	10	13	5½
Castleblayney	24	3	4½
Carlow	5	10	11
Limerick	11	10	8
Tralee	6	18	6
Mountrath	2	17	10
Tullamore	1	13	0
Clones	12	9	7
Boyle	15	6	1
Londonderry	19	16	1
	£159	16	0

Donations.

	£	s.	d.
James Hill, Esq., by Mr. Hamilton ...	90	0	0
H. J. C. Esq., per Mr. Wilson	3	0	0
Miss Church's Bequest..	13	16	11
Mrs. Shiel's Bequest	4	4	2
	£111	1	1

Extraordinaries.

	£	s.	d.
Grass bill	26	18	0
Letters	3	5	2
Printing	6	10	0
Repaid to Mr. Kidd	8	15	4
Ditto to Mr. J. Johnston	6	10	3½
	£51	18	9½

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Grant from the British Contingent Fund	600	0	0
To Interest on said Grant	2	9	2
To Grant from Auxiliary Fund, towards the education of Supernumerary Preachers' children	290	0	0
To Yearly Collection, ...	474	19	9
To Donations, &c., from sundry friends ...	111	1	1
To Preachers' subscriptions	126	0	0
To a special arrangement with the Book-Steward for this year	380	0	0
To Cash overpaid last year	12	19	5½
To Balance	220	7	9
	£2217	17	2½

	£	s.	d.
By Allowance to the Circuits from the Contingent Fund...	1603	0	0
By Circuit Deficiencies	159	16	0
By Extraordinaries	51	18	9
By Interest on the Debt of the Connexion	342	4	0
By Limerick Annuity	60	18	5½
	£2217	17	2½

The Annual Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The season has returned which affords us an opportunity of renewing our expression of that esteem and love which we feel towards you. Though separated from you by an intervening sea, we have with you an identity of object. The stream of our affection deepens and widens as it rolls onward through successive years. Often have you been assured of this. Repeated Addresses have breathed our sentiments of veneration and regard; yet is the subject unexhausted. We would not merely make a passing allusion to this subject. That love which unites us to you in the fellowship of the glorious gospel is too sacred and too sincere to be mentioned in a hasty reference. Next to our happiness in being united to the Great Head of the Church, is our joy in being one with you. We thank God, that we are one in mind, and that in heart also we are "inseparably joined."

We have heard with regret and sympathy of those calamitous events, arising chiefly from commercial depression, with which your land was visited during the past year. We trust, that as those providential visitations were in reality evidences of the Divine regard, they will teach the favoured inabitants of your country to perceive more clearly their national dependance on the King of kings and Lord of lords. They will see that righteousness only can be the basis of Britain's throne; and that not in the prowess of her armies, not in the might of her naval force, not in the splendour of her crown, or the extent of her dominions, is her proper trust. They will be instructed to fear Him "who breaketh the nations with a rod of iron," and "blesseth his people with peace." It is a matter of thankfulness, that amidst all, the cause of our God has sustained no injury. He who caused his judgments to pass through your land, took care of Zion. "God is in the midst of her," and she cannot be moved.

Our Island felt severely the force of the shock which visited yours. Yet, through the difficulties of the year have we been brought in safety. The care which a gracious Providence has extended towards us, while discharging the duties of our ministry, strengthens our trust and heightens our gratitude. He who has been our friend, will continue his protection; and relying upon Him, we shall never be confounded. The peculiarity of our situation causes us deeply to feel, that without the special aid of the Holy Spirit we can do nothing. The depression of commerce is but a temporary visitation; and will, we doubt not, be over-ruled for good. But it may be well said, "a great door, and effectual, is opened unto us, and there are many adversaries." Comparing our country with yours, it will at once be perceived, that the field for moral cultivation is materially different. When the regular Preachers in their different stations, and the Missionaries in the more uncultivated places, go forth among the people "to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God," they find obstacles, the very appearance of which would sink their spirits into dismay, but for the encouraging words of Jehovah, "Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God." Acquainted as you are with the circumstances under which we labour in the word and doctrine, it may at once be perceived why the success of our ministry is not more apparent. In many cases, where, according to the returns, the numbers of particular Circuits may seem to have declined, there has been in reality an increase of members; for in addition to those who have died in the faith, many have been obliged to yield to the pressure of the times, and remove to distant parts of the earth; so that, in fact, Ireland has been for years a nursery, from which many sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty have gone forth, to add to the numbers of the Church in other quarters of the globe. In many spots of the vineyard, owing to the sterility of the soil, our ministerial labour is severe, and the produce scanty. But even in those places, the work is surely though silently progressive: so that we are encouraged to thank God, and go forward, humbly relying

on the promises, and hoping for brighter days. Alr
"the day-spring from on high" has visited and cheere
land, and we hear a voice from Heaven, saying unt
"Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory o
Lord hath arisen upon thee." Notwithstanding t
peculiar difficulties, which in this country are oppos
the spread of "the truth as it is in Jesus," our Lor
been very graciously with us during the year. His b
ing has acknowledged the faithful preaching of the v
and the enforcement of christian discipline. Among
Societies has been manifested a growth in grace, an
the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Cl
Times of refreshing have come down from his prese
so that, through his infinite mercy, we have an increa
numbers, chiefly on our Missionary stations, of
hundred and thirty seven. To God be ascribed the g

We are happy to notice the prosperity of the Sch
established among us by the Agents of your Missio
Committee. They have succeeded even beyond
expectations. In cases, where opposition has been gi
it has been made eventually an occasion of good. Be
ing that nothing is more likely to assist the evangeliz
of Ireland, than the religious education of the r
generation, we rejoiced to learn the intention of
Committee to found such establishments in the dark
of our island. Each Mission-school is a central p
from which we may expect the rays of religious trut
diverge to surrounding parts. Great already has beer
good effected: but we look forward to the further
solidation of the system in future years; and the goo
the prospect of hope is incalculable.

While Ireland is thus indebted to your active ben
leave for the instruction of many of our children
youth, and for the efficient interest you have taken i
Missionary cause, our warmest gratitude is called fo
tenderness and cordiality with which you have also
tributed to the necessities of our general work.
seasonable help is to us one out of innumerable proo
your generous sympathy for those, who, under circ
stances less auspicious than yours, are endeavouri
enlarge the kingdom of our common Saviour.

liberality has materially assisted us: and each additional evidence of your affection comforts our hearts. At the same time we would notice, that we have used every exertion to carry into effect among ourselves the excellent regulations of your financial system: and we have pleasure in stating, that there is among our people an increasing feeling of the utility and importance of these measures.

The sittings of our Conference have been marked by peace and concord. The Master of Assemblies was with us. During the year, one aged minister, the Rev. Thomas Barber, has been removed to his reward. Of him it may well be said, "The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance." Others have been obliged, by necessity, to rest from their labours: but young men of approved piety, and of promise, have been raised up to supply their places. From the Conference we went to our several posts of duty, determined to be instant in season and out of season, to do the work of Evangelists, and to make full proof of our ministry. May the word of the Lord have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you!

Our hearts have been much united to our excellent President, the Rev. Joseph Entwisle. In the pulpit his labours have been highly acceptable, and much owned of God. In the chair of our Conference, he presided with the meekness of wisdom. He carries with him to his native land the sincere affection of his Irish Brethren.

We had hoped to have once more welcomed amongst us our highly respected and valued friend, the Rev. Theophilus Lessey; and regret that any occurrence should have deprived us of that pleasure.

The Rev. Jonathan Barker has visited several of the societies, preached frequently for us, occasionally assisted at our sittings, and cordially given to our friends the advantages of his knowledge and experience. His appointment to visit us was honourable to your judgment, and has been useful to our concerns.

We have also been highly obliged, and our interests materially served, by the judicious counsels and kind attention of one of your Missionary Secretaries, the Rev. George Morley. Each succeeding visit with which he

has honoured us, has given a fuller developement of the solicitude he feels for the weal of Ireland, and has increased towards him our sentiments of respect and love.

We thank you, finally, for the appointment of the Rev. Thomas Edwards to the superintendence of the School department. The important duties of his office he has fulfilled with eminent faithfulness; uniting the wisdom of experience with active zeal and steady perseverance. The Conference by a unanimous vote, request that he may continue among us, in the same capacity, during the ensuing year.

We send you as our Representatives, the Rev. Matthew Tobias and the Rev. Thomas Waugh. These brethren possess our entire confidence; and from their intimate acquaintance with all our concerns, will, we doubt not, satisfactorily fulfil the trust we have reposed in them.

And now, Fathers and Brethren, being persuaded of your love for our land, we are confident, that you will unite with us in fervent prayer that "the Spirit may be poured from on high, and the wilderness become a fruitful field." May God, the fountain of all mercy, hear the petitions which have been so frequently presented to His throne for Ireland, and "make bare His holy arm" among us; and may your affectionate care for us return tenfold into your own bosom!

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

ANDREW HAMILTON, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 10th, 1826.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

The renewed expression of your brotherly love, communicated to us through your Representatives, the Rev. Matthew Tobias and the Rev. Thomas Waugh, made a deep impression on our minds, and excited in us

a correspondent feeling towards you, as partakers of the same grace and mercy.

We rejoice to learn from your annual letter, that notwithstanding the great mass of ignorance, error, and sin, which has opposed you in the prosecution of your ministerial labours. during the past year, it has pleased the Most High to favour you with success. That success, indeed, has not equalled your enlarged desires; but still it is matter of thankfulness that you have not been permitted to run or to labour in vain. And it affords us pleasure to perceive, that, in attempting to rescue the world from the thraldom of the devil, the difficulties you have met have rather rekindled than damped your religious ardour, and have roused you to more noble attempts to attain your high and holy purpose. We hail this fact as the harbinger of good to your country, and of growing comfort and prosperity to your numerous Societies. Go on, therefore, dear brethren; be in labours more abundant; instant in season, out of season; waiting on the Lord continually for showers of blessings on your benevolent efforts; and then doubt not that your moral wilderness shall become as Eden, and your parched desert as the garden of the Lord, in which joy and gladness shall be found, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

In answer to your acknowledgment of the assistance afforded to you, under your pecuniary difficulties, we have to observe, that in rendering that assistance, we have done nothing more than duty bound us to perform. It is to our Divine Master that we attribute the honour of having enabled and disposed us to help you in the time of your need. So long as it shall please the Great Disposer of events to place you in similar circumstances of privation and suffering, and to give us and our people the ability to aid you, we trust we shall not be wanting in suitable expressions of our love towards you, in the bowels of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are gratified to learn that you were so eminently favoured with the presence of our common Lord, during the sittings of your Conference; and that, under His gracious influence, the labours of our beloved brethren, the Rev. Joseph Entwisle, our late President, and the

Rev. Messrs. Morley and Barker, have proved so effectual and useful among you. And we trust that the visit of our President and Secretary for the time being, the Rev. Richard Watson and the Rev. Jabez Bunting, who are appointed to attend your next annual Conference, will prove an equal blessing.

At this period of our history, it scarcely can be necessary to inform you, dear Brethren, how glad we were to receive your highly respected Representatives, Messrs. Tobias and Thomas Waugh. Either these brethren, or any other members of your venerable body whom you may think it proper to send to us in the same capacity, in future, will be received with unfeigned pleasure. Having experienced so often the delight and benefit of mutual intercourse, we throw open to you the arms of our brotherly affection with the greatest cordiality; and have it in our hearts to live and die in the closest union with you.

Your worthy Representatives will be able to give you all necessary intelligence respecting our general affairs. They will not fail to inform you of the partial defalcation which some of our Funds have experienced this year, owing to the unexampled pressure of the times, and of our consequent inability to afford the usual measure of assistance to any part of the Connexion. Yet, in consideration of your very peculiar claims and distresses, we have determined to grant a sum of six hundred pounds, for the ensuing year, out of our Contingent Fund, in aid of your endeavours to diffuse through every part of Ireland the light and influence of a pure and vital christianity. We trust that the friends of the Protestant religion in this country, knowing how materially the interests of that religion in Ireland depend, under God, on your itinerant labours, will enable us, at the proper time, to fulfil this pledge to you, by increasing their wonted contributions to our Yearly and July Collections; and that your own Societies and Congregations will, at the same time, make new and still more vigorous efforts to render your regular income more equal to your constant and unavoidable expenditure. To our united efforts may God vouchsafe His blessing; and make them eminently conducive, in conjunction with those of other christians,

to the perfect evangelization and moral improvement of your interesting country. His are the silver and the gold, and the cattle on a thousand hills. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof." Under these circumstances shall we yield to fear? We will not, we cannot. For so long as the Lord our God is in the midst of us, and condescends to manifest his loving-kindness towards us, in the eminent manner in which both you and we have been permitted to experience it during the session of our respective Conferences, we may humbly interpret His presence and favour as His gracious pledge that He will supply all our need. If we do but walk before Him in uprightness, and in righteousness of life, evincing by unwearied and self-denying labours our zeal for His glory, and making full proof of our ministry, we are assured that the Lord of Hosts will still be with us, and make our way of duty and of usefulness plain before us.

The Great Head of the Church has been pleased to favour us with a measure of success during the last year. For this we are thankful; but we are not satisfied. Our desire and prayer to God is, that he will make us a thousand times so many more than we are. But, while we rejoice over many private members lately joined to our Societies, many seekers of salvation brought to Christ, and added to the Lord, and many valuable young Preachers admitted at this Conference into full ministerial Connexion with us; we have to mourn the loss, by death, of sixteen of our fathers and brethren in Great Britain, and of seven others who have died on our foreign Stations. We have, indeed, the comfort of knowing that their death was worthy of their life and calling. They lived by the faith of the Son of God; they laboured diligently, under the constraining power of His love; and they died under the sustaining influence of an assured hope of His salvation. But though the manner of their death affords us comfort, still the fact, that so many have been taken out of our ranks in the short space of one year, some of whom appeared to be in full health and vigour, loudly calls on us, their surviving brethren, to be ready either to labour, or to die, as our Master and Lord may determine. Most seriously do we feel our augmented obligation to

maintain and extend, in all its purity and glory, the important work confided to us by our venerable Founder, and by our Fathers in the ministry. We see it, more than ever, our bounden duty to employ all our time and talents for the advancement of the divine glory, in the establishment of Christ's kingdom among men. And as the shadows of the evening are falling on us, and the season fast approaches in which no man can work, we are minded, by God's grace, to take heed to ourselves and to the doctrine so that we may both save ourselves and those that hear us. Such is our purpose, dear Brethren, as we feel persuaded it is yours. Let us mutually resolve to count every thing else as trivial, in comparison with this great object. Let us stretch beyond the line of our former labours; leaving nothing unattempted, and, if possible, nothing unaccomplished, which our Lord and Saviour has called us to perform. May our adorable Head shed on us all a double portion of that Spirit which rendered our Founder, and Fathers in the Gospel, so famous in their generations, and so successful in spreading vital godliness in this and other countries. To His grace and benediction we earnestly commend you, and all the flock of which He hath made you overseers.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINDROD, } *Sub-Secretaries.*
JOHN ANDERSON, }

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD,

May grace, mercy, and peace, be multiplied to you through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the close of our Conference, we feel pleasure in addressing you, according to our usage; and in the performance of this duty, we give vent to our feelings of care and affection towards you, and our most ardent desire for

your advancement in the knowledge of God. Everything connected with your present and eternal welfare, is to us of importance, as you fill the first place in our minds, and in our hearts.

The difficulties that many of our dear people have had to encounter, and the privations that they have had to sustain throughout the last year, are not unknown to us. The failure of the crops in various districts, the embarrassment of merchants and manufacturers, and the distressed state of agriculture in general, have thrown thousands of poor persons out of employment; and in this affliction many of you have had a share. But our hearts have been comforted on your account, in the prospect of an abundant harvest, and an increase of trade, which will give employment to many; but above all in your patience in suffering, your confidence in God in the darkest hour, and in the peace and harmony that reigns throughout our whole connexion. We hope that in every dispensation of Providence you will remember, that the Church is in a militant state; but if she is faithful, she will soon hear it said, "Come ye blessed of my Father, enter into the joy of your Lord."

The state of our foreign Missions excites emotions of both humiliation and thanksgiving. The latest accounts from the South Sea mention an awful outrage committed on our Missionaries in New Zealand, and their removal to Port Jackson, to await more favourable times to resume their labours. But on the other hand, the general prosperity of the good work in the East Indies, West and South Africa, the West Indies, and North America, calls forth the liveliest expressions of gratitude to God for the success with which He has blest the labours of His servants. In our home Missions the seed of the word has been sown in fairs and markets, and in many remote villages; and, although in some cases, it is as bread cast upon the waters. in others, it has brought forth fruit unto eternal life. The Mission Schools are in successful operation, and hold out a pleasing hope, that the rising generation will see brighter days. In our regular work, there has not been any remarkable change in the course of the year. On some Circuits God has poured out His Holy Spirit in awakening sinners, comforting mourners, and purifying the hearts of

believers; but, on others there has been a decrease in numbers, by the lukewarmness of some, the emigration of many to foreign parts, and the entrance of several obedient children into their Father's house. The funds for carrying on the work amongst us, demand your particular attention and support; that your ministers may be free from anxious care, and give themselves wholly to prayer, and the ministry of the word. Brethren, let us beseech you by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, unto the Lord, for "ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Let it be your constant care to save your own souls, and spread around you the spirit of true religion, both in your domestic circles, and in your more general intercourse with the world; attend to closet and family duties with punctuality, seriousness, and regularity. Carefully watch over the spiritual concerns of your families, and be constant in your attendance with them in the house of God; study to be there at the first prayer, the first hymn; teach them both by precept and example, to reverence every part of the public worship of God. Conscientiously attend at your own proper place of worship, and hear those ministers that God hath in His providence appointed to instruct you. Indulge not an idle curiosity in running from church to church, or chapel to chapel. Let us solemnly warn you to take heed how you hear; hold fast that form of sound words that has been delivered unto you, especially the scripture doctrine of a Trinity in Unity, three persons in one Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one Infinite and Eternal Jehovah, who is, and was, and is to come, God over all, blessed for evermore. The Incarnation and Atonement of Jesus Christ, should be ever present to your minds; it is the only ground of a sinner's acceptance with God: it is through faith in the infinite merits of this sacrifice, that the awakened penitent is pardoned, the unholy sanctified, and the heart of man prepared for the indwelling, and abiding witness of the Holy Spirit. That you may be well instructed in the will and mind of God, read the Holy Scriptures seriously and regularly, with much prayer; read therein by day, and meditate thereon by night: get

well acquainted with the writings of the Founder of Methodism, particularly his Notes on the New Testament, his Sermons and Appeals; they are invaluable, and possess the rare character of leading men at once to a knowledge of God, and their own hearts. Let your motto be, "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit." Be conscientiously attentive to your various duties in life; labour to provide things honest in the sight of all men; in all your worldly concerns be men of truth and fidelity, always remembering "Thou God seest me." Let no temporal care disturb the tranquility, or violate the purity of the holy Sabbath; remember this is not your home, you are but strangers and pilgrims on earth, and that you seek "a city, which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

To the youth of our Societies and congregations, we will say, that for you we feel a most anxious solicitude. To you, under God, we must look for those that are to fill the ranks of the militant Church, when we are gathered home to our Father's house. On your faithfulness, in a great measure, depends the enlargement and spiritual prosperity of that part of the Church of Christ to which we belong. If you follow the Lord fully, you will soon be the principal agents in carrying on the work, begun by the apostolic ministry of the venerable Mr. Wesley, the father of our Societies. You will become the honoured instruments of keeping alive the holy fire in your native country, and of carrying or sending the light of divine truth into foreign lands. How needful is it then that you should live by faith in the Son of God, and enjoy the clear and abiding witness of His Holy Spirit. That you should attend to neatness, plainness, and simplicity in dress; that you should keep at the utmost distance from all wordly company, and worldly amusements; that you should cherish the true spirit of devotion by a diligent attendance on our sacraments, society meetings, class meetings, band meetings, and prayer meetings. Never absent yourselves from the public ministry of God's word, when you can possibly attend.

Two of our faithful, aged, and beloved brethren, have in the course of the year, finished their labours on earth, and are now before the throne: this is another call to us,

to be always ready, with our loins girded, and our s
on, that we may be found watching when the M
calleth. In our Conference we have had much har
and brotherly love. In our meetings for busines
our assemblies for worship, we have been favoured
the Divine presence and influence, and we hope to
our work in the spirit of humility and faith, to prea
word with diligence, and faithfulness, that we ma
our souls and the souls of those that hear us.

Finally, Brethren, pray for us; let us all be of one
and one mind, let us have the same object in view
salvation of souls and the glory of God; let us str
spread the savour of true religion through all the
Forgetting the things that are behind, let us press t
the mark for the prize of our high calling, whicl
God in Christ Jesus. Let our conversation be "in he
from whence we look for the Saviour, the Lord
Christ, who shall change our vile bodies that they n
fashioned like unto his glorious body, according
working whereby he is able even to subdue all things
himself."

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

RICHARD WATSON, *Presid*
SAMUEL WOOD, *Secretary.*

Belfast, June 9th, 1827.

DUBLIN, Tuesday, July 1, 1828.

Q. 1. What Preachers are this year admitted into CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. Claudius Byrne, James Sullivan, Robert Beaucl
James Patterson, John Nash.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. Frederick Philip Le Maitre.

He has travelled three years.

John Greer, James Henry, John Harrington, Thomas T. N. Hull, John Saul, William Hamilton.

These have travelled two years.

Daniel M'Afee, John Prusho Hetherington, Robert Hill Lindsay, Robert Jessop, Henry Lucy.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers have been ADMITTED ON TRIAL?

A. Thomas Meredith, John Williams, Edward Harpur, James Moffat, William Lupton.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since the last Conference?

A. JOHN MALCOMSON. He was born at Bluestone, in the county Armagh. At a very early period of life, he was brought under a gracious influence, by attending on the ministry of the venerable Founder of Methodism; those impressions were much deepened by the pious counsel and affectionate care of an elder sister, who was deeply devoted to God. While yet a youth, he was truly converted to God, and soon began to call sinners to repentance in his native place, where his labours were singularly acceptable and useful. In the year 1787 he was appointed to a circuit, and continued to travel and labour with great faithfulness and success till 1798, when a severe illness brought on by preaching in the open air, during heavy rain, compelled him to retire from the regular work, and return to his native place, where during the succeeding thirty years, he preached as his health permitted. He was a truly pious, devoted, and uniform Christian, a pleasing and instructive friend and fellow-labourer, a judicious and faithful superintendent, and a laborious and able minister of the New Testament. His talents were of a very high class, his understanding strong and comprehensive, his judgment sound and discriminating, his knowledge of our doctrines and discipline extensive and accurate; few men of his standing were more respected in our Connexion. During his long continued and often severe affliction, he gave the fullest proof of deep piety and resignation to the Divine will, and of most affectionate attachment to his brethren and the cause of

God. He preached his last sermon but two days before his death, and finished his earthly course, truly happy in God, on the 3d day of April, 1828, aged sixty years.

JOHN WILSON, aged thirty years, who departed this life on the 15th of January last, on the Bandon circuit. This valuable young man was early in life favoured with religious advantages; his father, the late Rev. William Wilson, was a man of deep piety and singular self-denial. In constant attendance on the preaching of the word, Brother Wilson evinced a serious and thoughtful mind, and soon became the subject of repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. His conversion was marked with humility, steadiness, and zeal for God; and it soon became apparent that his mind was impressed with a vocation to preach the Gospel. Having a full conviction that he was called of God to that work, which was manifested in labours, in diligence, and in usefulness; and being approved of by the brethren, having passed through the usual course of examination, he was recommended to the Conference, in 1822, and appointed to the Coleraine circuit, the place of his nativity. His devotedness to God and his work, his sedulous preparations for it, and usefulness in it, will be long remembered by all that knew him. His ministry was highly acceptable, and his public discourses were always truly methodistical, well arranged, correctly expressed, and affectionately enforced. He laboured nearly six years, an example to believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. He gave attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine; and his profiting appeared to all. On the 26th of last December he complained of head-ache, and in a few days, erysipelas, with inflammation on the brain ensued, which, notwithstanding the skill of three physicians, who gratuitously attended, so increased as to terminate mortally, after languishing eighteen days. On the 28th he preached on those words, "The Lord is my portion;" this was his last sermon, on which occasion he appeared to be unusually happy in his mind, which happiness continued through his long and painful affliction, except when overcome by stupor or delirium. He died in great peace, beloved and lamented.

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?
A. They were examined one by one.
Q. 6. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?
A. As follows, viz :—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	William Stewart, John Howe, Henry Price; Thomas Wade Doolittle, Book-Steward; Michael Murphy, William Smith, William Ferguson, James M'Keown, John Clegg, Supernumeraries.
2	*Drogheda,*	Andrew Hamilton, jun., Fossey Tackaberry.
3	*Wicklow,*	James Johnston, John Clendinnen; Alexander Moore, Supernumerary

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

4	*Waterford,*	David Waugh, John F. Mathews.
5	*Carlow,*	John Hadden, Nathaniel Hobart; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
6	*Newtownbarry,*	John Rogers, Frederick Philip Le Maitre.
7	*Wexford,*	John Carey, Thomas T. N. Hull.

DAVID WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

8	*Cork,*	John Stuart, Thomas Waugh.
9	*Mallow and Cove,*	James Patterson, John Williams; Joshua Harman, Supernumerary. N.B. This Circuit to be under the superintendence of Brother Waugh.
10	*Bandon,*	Samuel Wood, Robert Jessop; Andrew Hamilton, sen., George Stephenson, Supernumeraries.
11	*Skibbereen,*	Richard Phillips.
12	*Tralee,*	William Richey.

SAMUEL WOOD, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. The Limerick District.

13	*Limerick,*	Matthew Tobias, Robert Mas
14	*Roscrea,*	Richard T. Tracy, John I Francis Russell, Supernum
15	*Cloughjordan,*	Edward Johnston; Patrick Ff Supernumerary.

Matthew Tobias, *Chairman of the District.*

V. The Tullamore District.

16	*Tullamore,*	William Crook, Robert B James Sterling, Supernume
17	*Mountrath,*	Andrew Taylor, George Bur Thomas Kerr, George Hans Supernumeraries.
18	*Longford,*	John C. Irvine, John Wig Richard Price, Supernume

William Crook, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. The Sligo District.

19	*Sligo,*	John Nelson, John Greer.
20	*Castlebar,*	Thomas Lougheed, Samuel Dow
21	*Ballina,*	Charles M'Cormick, Edward Har William M'Cornock, Supe merary.

N.B. The Ballyglen and Bingh town Societies to be visited the Preachers of this Circuit

John Nelson, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. The Clones District.

22	*Clones,*	Henry Deery, Edward Hazel Archibald Campbell, Supe merary.
23	*Castleblayney,*	William Douglas, Robert Lindsay.
24	*Killeshandra & Boyle,*	John Nesbitt, Joseph Edge James Henry; King Bar Supernumerary.
25	*Monaghan,*	John Waugh, John S. Wil

James Irwin, William Armstrong, Supernumeraries.

HENRY DEERY, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

iskillen, John Foster William Kidd; Gustavus Armstrong, Robert Crozier, William Hamilton, Supernumeraries.

okborough, John Campbell, Robert Wilson.

orhamilton, James M'Cutcheon, John Jebb.

JOHN FOSTER, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

donderry, Robert Strong, James B. Gillman; Francis Armstrong, James Smith, William Pollock, Supernumeraries.

estown, Archibald Murdoch, Castor Clements.

townstewart, Alexander Sturgeon, John Harrington; William Finley, John Kerr, John M'Arthur, Robert Carson, Supernumeraries.

Brother Finley, of his own choice, is allowed to retire to settle his temporal concerns, and to be called out by the Dublin Superintendent in the course of the year, if wanted.

EXANDER STURGEON, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

'ast, William Reilly, Matthew Lanktree, jun., John Holmes; Blakely Dowling, Thomas Brown, Supernumeraries.

aghadee, Thomas Ballard, Robert Beauchamp,

N.B. The single Preacher of Belfast shall visit Bangor one Sabbath day in each month.

34 *Downpatrick & Comber*, John Hill, William Hamilton.
35 *Carrickfergus & Larne*, Alexander Mackey, Daniel M'Afee, and another to be sent.
36 *Coleraine*, Samuel Harpur, Samuel Kyle; John Dinnen, Supernumerary.
37 *Lisburn*, Matthew Lanktree, sen., William Lupton.

MATTHEW LANKTREE, SEN., *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

38 *Newry*, William Keys, James Lynch.
39 *Dungannon*, James C. Pratt, James Stuart; Robert Cranston, Supernumerary.
40 *Armagh*, James Rutledge, Thomas Meredith.
41 *Lurgan*, Charles Mayne, Michael Burrows.
42 *Moira*, Thomas Ridgeway.
43 *Tanderagee*, William Armstrong, Claudius Byrne; Zachariah Worrell, John Wilson, Daniel Pedlow, Supernumeraries.

CHARLES MAYNE, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

1 *Celbridge & Trim*, Robert Bailey, George M'Elwain; James Bell, Supernumerary.
2 *Co. Kilkenny*, James Oliffe.
3 *Youghal*, William Guard.
4 *Carbery*, William Foote.
5 *Killaloe, Kilrush, & Tarbert*, William Cornwall, James Sullivan.
6 *Galway & Connemara*, James Lamb.
7 *Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe, & Castlereagh*, Arthur Noble, Francis Stephens.
8 *Cavan*, Gideon Ouseley, John Armstrong.
N.B. Brother Ouseley is to be at liberty to follow the openings of Providence.
9 *Donegal*, Edward Cobain, John Feely.
10 *Rathmelton & Stranorlar*, John Remmington, James Moffat.
11 *Ballymena*, James Carter, Henry Lucy.

12 *Magherafelt*, Samuel M'Dowell, John Saul.
13 *Newtownlimavaddy*, Charles M'Cord.

The Missionary Stations are attached to their several Districts as follows, viz. :—

Celbridge and Trim, to the Dublin District.
County Kilkenny, to the Waterford District.
Youghal and Carbery, to the Cork District.
Killaloe, Kilrush, and Tarbert, to the Limerick District.
Galway and Connemara, to the Sligo District.
Lawrencetown, &c., to the Tullamore District.
Letters to be directed to Lawrencetown, Eyrecourt.
Cavan to the Clones District. Letters to be directed to Ballyjamesduff.
Donegal, to the Enniskillen District.
Rathmelton, Stranorlar, and Newtownlimavaddy, to the Londonderry District.
Ballymena and Magherafelt, to the Belfast District.

Q. 7. What are the numbers in Society?
A. As follows, viz:

Dublin	950	Castlebar	130
Drogheda	282	Ballina	205
Castleblayney	385	Clones	510
Wicklow	254	Killeshandra & Boyle	600
Waterford	204	Monaghan	518
Carlow	238	Enniskillen	630
Newtownbarry	240	Brookborough	720
Wexford	236	Manorhamilton	887
Cork	537	Londonderry	570
Mallow & Cove	177	Irvinestown	1440
Bandon	621	Newtownstewart	1250
Skibbereen	380	Belfast	517
Limerick	423	Donaghadee	352
Tralee	132	Downpatrick	286
Roscrea	230	Carrickfergus	472
Cloughjordan	166	Coleraine	537
Tullamore	160	Lisburn	618
Mountrath	400	Newry	300
Longford	254	Dungannon	570
Sligo	470	Armagh	601

Lurgan	.	900	Galway	.	28
Moira	.	280	Lawrencetown	.	134
Tanderagee	.	896	Tyrawley	.	48
			Cavan	.	31
Missions.			Donegal	.	500
			Rathmelton	.	192
Celbridge	.	108	Ballymena	.	215
Co. Kilkenny	.	151	Magherafelt	.	521
Youghal	.	105	Newtownlimavaddy		65
Rosscarbery	.	50			
Killaloe & Kilrush		86			22,760

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. As follows, viz.:

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dublin	86	2	0	Enniskillen	12	0	0
Drogheda	22	17	4	Manorhamilton	5	12	4
Castleblayney	4	0	0	Londonderry	8	18	
Wicklow	10	10	0	Irvinestown	6	14	
Waterford	26	5	0	Newtownstewart	7	10	
Carlow	11	14	0	Belfast	13	10	
Newtownbarry	7	11	0	Donaghadee	5	0	
Wexford	8	1	0	Downpatrick	4	2	
Cork	54	0	0	Carriekfergus	8	2	
Mallow & Cove	4	17	6	Coleraine	5	10	
Bandon	23	5	0	Lisburn	4	7	
Skibbereen	7	6	0	Newry	4	2	
Limerick	14	18	0	Dungannon	4	11	
Tralee	12	0	0	Armagh	7	2	1
Roscrea	9	0	0	Lurgan	8	15	
Cloughjordan	4	10	0	Moira	2	9	
Tullamore	7	9	6	Tanderagee	3	4	
Mountrath	7	9	4	Mission Stations.			
Longford	5	2	11				
Sligo	10	0	0	Celbridge	2	10	
Castlebar	9	0	0	County Kilkenny	3	8	
Ballina	6	0	0	Youghal	5	0	
Clones	4	10	6	Rosscarbery	0	15	0
Killeshandra and Boyle	6	10	0	Killaloe & Kilrush	0	14	0
Monaghan	6	11	6	Galway	1	10	0
				Lawrencetown	1	0	0

Tyrawley	1	4	0	Ballymena	1	1	6
Cavan	1	2	2	Magherafelt	1	14	5
Donegal	2	0	0	Newtownlima-			
Rathmelton	1	17	4	vaddy	0	14	6

Q. 9. What is the amount of the collection towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. As follows, viz.:

Dublin	£25	15	0	Londonderry	6	0	0
Drogheda	15	0	6	Irvinestown	2	0	0
Castleblayney	2	0	0	Newtownstewart	3	4	6½
Wicklow	7	6	10	Belfast	17	10	0
Waterford	9	3	0	Donaghadee	4	0	0
Carlow	4	8	0	Downpatrick	4	0	0
Newtownbarry	3	12	5	Carrickfergus	9	2	0
Wexford	5	4	0	Coleraine	4	4	5
Cork	13	0	0	Lisburn	7	4	2
Mallow and Cove	3	11	7½	Newry	4	3	7
Bandon	15	0	0	Dungannon	5	10	9
Skibbereen	2	0	5½	Armagh	8	0	0
Limerick	8	0	0	Lurgan	6	10	4
Tralee	2	9	0	Moira	1	2	0
Roscrea	7	0	0	Tanderagee	10	14	8
Cloughjordan	2	18	1½	Mission Stations.			
Tullamore	3	0	0	Celbridge	0	16	8
Mountrath	6	0	0	Co. Kilkenny	1	4	6
Longford	6	3	8	Youghal	2	0	0
Sligo	5	0	0	Rosscarbery	0	10	0
Castlebar	4	0	0	Galway	2	0	0
Ballina	1	11	0	Lawrencetown	2	0	0
Clones	2	16	0	Cavan	0	9	6
Killeshandra and				Donegal	1	10	0
Boyle	4	10	0	Ballymena	1	0	0
Monaghan	4	6	3	Magherafelt	2	3	11
Enniskillen	5	0	0	Newtownlima-			
Manorhamilton	2	7	9½	vaddy	0	9	2

Q. 10. How many wives and children are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-six wives; one hundred and ninety-two children on the maintenance, and ninety on the education lists.

Q. 11. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the Districts; aided from the Contingent Fund in the following proportions, viz:

DISTRICTS.	Numbers.	Wives.	Children on Maintenance.	Children on Education.	Grant from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin	1486	4¾	14	6¾	£50
2 Waterford	918	3	8½	4¼	106
3 Cork	1850	5¾	17½	8½	100
4 Limerick	819	2½	7¾	3½	76
5 Tullamore	805	2½	7½	3½	140
6 Sligo	805	2½	7½	3½	65
7 Clones	2013	6½	19	8¾	240
8 Enniskillen	2337	7½	22	10¼	215
9 Londonderry	3160	9¾	29½	13¼	270
10 Belfast	2782	8¾	26	12¼	180
11 Newry	2547	11	33	15½	290
	20522	64	192	90	£1732

N.B. It is calculated that the above sum is all that will be disposable at the Conference, 1829, and it has been so apportioned to the necessities of the respective Districts as to put it within the reach of each to meet its deficiencies; which allowance so apportioned shall be absolute for the year.

Q. 12. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. As follows, viz.:

Dublin	£28	6	0	Cork	20	0	0
Drogheda	3	0	0	Mallow & Cove	1	1	0
Castleblayney	1	1	0	Bandon	14	19	6
Wicklow	2	0	0	Skibbereen	1	1	0
Waterford	7	15	0	Limerick	6	10	0
Carlow	1	17	0	Tralee	1	1	0
Newtownbarry	1	8	0	Roscrea	3	2	6
Wexford	2	2	0	Cloughjordan	1	1	0

ath	1	5	0	[illegible]	3	3	0
d	1	0	0				
	4	0	0	[illegible]			
r	2	0	0	Carlow & [illegible]	1	1	0
	1	1	0	Co. Kilkenny	1	1	0
	1	3	0	[illegible]	1	7	0
ndra &				[illegible]	1	1	0
e	1	1	0	[illegible] & [illegible]	1	3	0
an	1	1	0	Galway	1	1	0
llen.	1	10	0	[illegible]	2	0	0
amilton	1	1	0	[illegible]	1	1	0
derry	1	1	0	Cavan	1	1	0
town	1	1	0	[illegible]	1	1	0
nstewart	1	1	0	[illegible]	1	1	0
	7	6	0	Ballymena	1	1	6
adee	1	5	0	Newtownlima-			
atrick	1	1	0	vaddy	1	2	0
fergus	2	10	0	James Hill, Esq.	10	0	0
ne	2	10	0	Mrs. Deeves'			
n	4	4	0	Legacy	11	7	9½
	2	6	0				
non	2	7	6		£156	15	3½
h	1	6	6	Additional	0	2	6
	3	0	0				
	1	1	0		£156	17	9½

13. What is the judgment of the Conference with to deficiencies on the Circuits?

The judgment of the Conference is, that on all ncies which may in future be brought up, the ers of the Circuits where they occur shall pay 25 nt., and the remaining part shall be sent back to the s, to be provided for in the ensuing year.

14. What shall be done to ensure a more regular se of our discipline, and exact return at each Con- e of the numbers in Society, and of the deaths, als, &c., which may have taken place during the

As the Circuits are supplied with printed schedules, quired that those schedules be regularly filled up a quarterly visitation of the classes; and that it be

the indispensable duty of the Superintendent of each Circuit to transmit those schedules thus prepared to the Chairman of his District, in the intervals of the Quarterly Meetings, in order that the Chairman may have them to produce at the May District Meeting, and the Conference.

N.B. The Missionaries are required to attend punctually to the same regulation.

Q. 15. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Matthew Tobias, Henry Deery, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas Waugh, Samuel Harpur, Alexander Sturgeon, William Smith, William Ferguson, Thomas W. Doolittle, together with the regular Preachers of Dublin.

Q. 16. Who are the Missionary Committee to review the concerns of the Missions at the ensuing Conference?

A. Andrew Hamilton, Matthew Lanktree, sen. William Stewart, David Waugh, Henry Deery, Samuel Harpur, John Nelson, William Crook, Robert Bruce, William Reilly, John Hadden, Thomas Waugh, Richard T. Tracy, and the Secretary of the Conference, together with the following thirteen gentlemen:—James Woods, James Salter, *Cork;* Henry Cornwall, Henry Belcher, *Bandon;* John Busteed, *Tralee;* William Kent, *Dublin;* Joseph Higgins, *Clonmel;* John Corbett, *Wexford;* Thomas Tracy, *Limerick;* Thomas Jacob, *Fermoy;* Joseph Leech, *Roscrea;* Robert Swanton, *Skibbereen;* Alexander Murphy, *Belfast.*

The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the monies raised shall be transmitted to the general Treasurer, the first weeks in December, March, and June. Also, the yearly accounts of the Local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, instead of the 30th of June, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the general Secretaries.

Q. 17. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. John Stuart, Matthew Tobias, Archibald Murdoch, Henry Deery, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, William Crook, Robert Bruce, Alexander Mackey, Richard Taylor Tracy; together with eleven brethren, not travelling preachers, who shall be

chosen, one in each District. The brethren, not travelling preachers, who may be members of the Chapel Fund Committee, shall be annually chosen from each of the Circuits in the Districts alternately. And, provided the Committee thus chosen shall, on its first sitting previously to the Conference, be found incomplete, the Committee thus assembled shall have the privilege of filling up the vacancies by a selection from the Trustees of chapels, who may be in town at the time, where the Conference shall be held.

Q. 18. Who shall be the Committee to whom all cases of building, enlarging, and repairing Chapels shall be referred?

A. The Preachers of the Dublin Circuit, Messrs. Arthur Williams and Henry Heney; William Ferguson, Secretary.

Q. 19. What Chapels are to be built this year?

A. One at Ringsend, on the Dublin Circuit; one at Tralee; one at Four-mile-water, Skibbereen Circuit; one at Drinagh, on the Carbery Mission; one at Philipstown; one at Sligo; one at Drumkeeran, on the Manorhamilton Circuit; one at Mountshannon, on the Killaloe Mission; one at Tarbert, Tarbert Mission; one at Island Magee, Carrickfergus Circuit; one at Ballyfrench, Donaghadee Circuit.

Q. 20. Who are the Treasurers of the respective Funds, to whom alone all communications shall be made on the business of each Fund in the course of the year?

A. William Stewart, Treasurer; Thomas Waugh, Secretary of the Contingent Fund; Andrew Hamilton, Treasurer of the Legalized and Auxiliary Funds; Thomas Edwards, Treasurer of the Mission Fund.

Q. 21. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in next August.

Q. 22. When shall the Annual District Meetings be held?

A. In the first week in May next.

Q. 23. When shall the different Committees meet previously to the sitting of the ensuing Conference?

A. The Stationing Committee shall meet on Wednesday, 24th June. The Book Committee on Thursday, 25th June. The Chairmen of Districts on Friday, 26th June.

The Missionary Committee on Saturday, 27th June. Th
Chapel Fund Committee, on Monday, 29th June.

N.B.—The Committees are to meet at 10 o'clock, A.M

Q. 24. Who are the Representatives to the Britis
Conference?

A. William Stewart, Matthew Tobias.

Q. 25. When and where shall our next Conference b
held?

A. In Cork, on the last Tuesday in June, 1829.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN STEPHENS, *President.*
SAMUEL WOOD, *Secretary.*

Extraordinaries.

	£	s.	d.
idries omitted last year	22	14	0
ss bill	31	17	0
	£54	11	0

General Deficiencies.

	£	s.	d.
tleblayney	25	17	4
cklow	14	0	0
nes	27	2	2
naghadee	3	19	0
	£70	18	6
luct 25 per cent. withheld from the Preachers of the above Circuits, according to the regulations of the last year ...	17	14	7½
	£53	3	10½

Donations.

	£	s.	d.
m Thomas Walker, Esq. of Stockton, by the President	20	0	0
, A Friend, by the Rev. Robert Newton	1	0	0
, Ditto, by the Rev. John Stuart ...	1	0	0
, Ditto, by the Rev. Robert Wood ...	10	0	0
, Ditto, in Manchester, by the Rev. J. Stuart	50	0	0
„ James Hill, Esq., by the Rev. A. Hamilton, jun.	90	0	0
„ Miss Church's bequest, two years ...	27	13	10
„ Miss Shiel's bequest	4	4	2
„ A Friend, by the Rev. S. Wood ...	215	0	0
	£418	18	0

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Grant from the Contingent Fund ...	600	0	0	By Allowance to the Circuits from the Contingent Fund	1700	0	0
To Grant from the Auxiliary Fund ...	250	0	0	By Circuits' Deficiencies	53	3	10½
To Yearly Collection	505	10	9	By Extraordinaries	54	11	0
To Donations from sundry friends ...	418	18	0	By Interest on the Debt of the Connexion	342	4	0
To Preachers' Subscriptions	309	0	0	By Limerick Annuity	60	18	5½
Balance	127	8	7				
	2210	17	4		2210	17	4

The Annual Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Beloved Fathers and Brethren,

With feelings of increased esteem and gratitude we again communicate to you the renewed expressions of our most cordial regard, in the spirit of that love which has united us in one body, and has "made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." We cannot satisfy our own minds by mere general acknowledgments of our obligations to you; for notwithstanding the many proofs you have given us of your brotherly kindness from year to year, your truly christian generosity, manifested last year in again connecting us with your Contingent Fund, and granting six hundred pounds for the present year to assist us in carrying on the work of God in this country, has made a deep and indelible impression on all our hearts, and has raised in us a high degree of veneration for you, and of gratitude to God, who has counted us worthy to hold fellowship with such a body of Christian Ministers.

The revival of primitive religion, denominated Methodism, which has been instrumental of so much good to a large portion of the human family, has still to contend with many obstacles and discouragements in our distracted country. Nevertheless our confidence is unshaken in the Lord our Saviour. We know that He is with us; and we feel pleasure in stating to you, that, although we had some apprehensions that the number of our people would have been reduced, in consequence of the unemployed and unsettled state of the poor, and the great extent of emigration; we have for this year an increase of nearly one hundred members, after filling up all vacancies occasioned by deaths, removals, &c., and our Societies are becoming more united and settled in the love of Christ. We are encouraged to hope that our late financial arrangements, modelled as nearly as possible after your excellent plans, will prove more and more beneficial to our Connexion, by

collecting more fully those supplies which are indispensably necessary for the support of our stated ministry, and the further propagation of evangelical truth in our land. We are led also to hope well for the ensuing year, from the appearance of improving trade, and a fruitful season; which are not to be overlooked by us, when recounting the mercies of Divine Providence.

We rejoice on account of the great and very general efforts that are employed, with much effect, by Ministers and members of the Established Church, and other bodies of Christians, in diffusing the light of Holy Scripture, in promoting the interests of Christian Education, and in endeavouring, by various benevolent methods, to ameliorate the condition of Ireland. The numbers who have renounced those superstitious errors, which have been, and still are, so adverse to the settled peace and prosperity of our nation, and who have also declared in favour of Scriptural Christianity; together with the spirit of religious inquiry now prevailing in our land, encourage us to hope for happier and more prosperous times. We look back to the period when some of us and our Fathers were suffered to labour almost alone in the great work of our common Lord; and we remember the times and the places, when and where, small remnants of Protestant Churches were preserved from the overwhelming influence of a deadly superstition, by the signal blessing of Almighty God on the labours of our Ministers, many of whom were prematurely worn out, or met an early grave, in consequence of the privations and persecutions they were called to endure. Through Divine mercy they laboured not in vain. Many hundreds of Romanists particularly, were converted by their instrumentality, not only from error to truth, but from the dominion of sin to the service of righteousness. Many years prior to the late reformations, upwards of seven hundred of them became members of our Societies, who continued walking in the truth. Some have been removed to a better world, and many of their children have been trained up in the steps of their fathers.

We view with peculiar pleasure the increase of liberality, which is diffusing itself still more and more through the *different* religious communities in this country. The in-

telligent inhabitants of this town (Belfast,) who are pre-eminent in this respect, have just given an additional proof of it; for not only our own Society, but several respectable friends of other Denominations, have come forward, and affectionately invited our Ministers to their hospitable houses; so that we have found it convenient to accomodate one of the largest Conferences we have had for many years.

The Missions in Ireland are generally doing well. We have, in conjunction with the agents of your Missionary Committee, made some alteration in the Stations, which we hope will meet your approbation. Some of our brethren, who were employed on the Missions, have returned to our regular Circuits; and others who, in our judgment, are suited to that work, have taken their place.

The visit of the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Martin and Newstead to the South of Ireland as a deputation from the General Missionary Committee, during the last spring, was attended with the best effects. Associations were formed in several places, and a strong feeling of interest was very generally excited in favour of our Missions. We earnestly solicit the appointment of a similar Deputation for the ensuing year; and request that more time may be allowed for their visit, and that early notice may be forwarded as to the time of their coming.

The state of the Mission-Schools is gratifying indeed. Under the judicious management of our respected brother, the Rev. Thomas Edwards, they have been productive of much good, and are likely to be still more fruitful. The persuasion we have of his usefulness, in reference to the Mission-Schools, induces us to request his continuance in this work and labour of love.

The visit of our venerated President, the Rev. Richard Watson, whom we warmly invited in a former annual address, we estimate as a high favour conferred upon us. The wisdom and discrimination manifested by him, and his more than ordinary patience with us in cases of perplexity, have endeared him to our hearts. The exercise of his distinguished talents in the pulpit, while crowded auditories received with eagerness the word of life, has been to us and to our people an occasion of great spiritual edification *and thanksgiving* to God.

We cannot fully express the religious satisfaction and profit we have derived from the visit of our highly esteemed and greatly beloved brother, the Rev. Jabez Bunting. The exercise of his ministry has been greatly blessed to us and our hearers; and his counsels in Conference were most important and valuable.

To the Rev. John Mason we feel deeply indebted, for the lively interest he manifested in all our affairs. We were cheered and edified also by the presence of our venerable brother, the Rev. Thomas Roberts, who, forty years ago, itinerated in this country with much success. The deep concern, the sympathetic feeling, and the determination to obtain every possible assistance for us in our present difficulties, which all these our English brethren have evinced at the present Conference, will be long remembered by us.

We send to you as our Representatives, the Rev. John Stuart and the Rev. William Reilly. We have proved them to be faithful in all things; we believe them to be fully competent; they live in our esteem and affection; and we have no doubt they will be acceptable to you.

We are strongly impressed with the conviction that the growing improvement and intellectual cultivation of society, in general, render it necessary for us to make use of all suitable means for our advancement in every requisite qualification for the christian ministry; that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as it is with you. We have in view, particularly, the closer study of the Holy Scriptures, with much prayer, and with the special exercise of faith in the vicarious sacrifice of the Son of God; feeling always in all places, that we, with all other faithful Ministers of the New Covenant, are set for the defence of the Gospel, and that our success consists chiefly in bringing sinners to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus, and in building them up on our most holy faith.

In the course of the last year, two of our respected supernumerary brethren have been removed to a better state, Brother Matthew Stuart and Brother Daniel M'Mullen. They were laborious, faithful, and useful; *and departed* this life happy in the confident hope of a *glorious* immortality.

And now, Fathers and Brethren, we earnestly request an increasing interest in your prayers, that the spirit of glory and of Christ may rest upon us, and that our labours in the coming year may be crowned with more abundant success in the conviction and conversion of sinners. And we pray that the Great Head of the Church may abundantly pour out on you the gifts and graces of his Holy Spirit, that He may preside over you during all your sittings, and that He may make you more and more signally instrumental in promoting his glory to the ends of the earth.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

S. Wood, *Secretary.*

Conference Room, Belfast, July 9th, 1827.

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address of the Irish Conference.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,

In replying to the Address which has been presented to us by your worthy Representatives, Messrs. Stuart and Reilly, we deem it unnecessary to occupy much time in customary expressions of esteem and affection. Of our unabated regard you are fully assured. You still are, as you long have been in our hearts, to live and die with you in the delightful interchanges of christian and ministerial fellowship. We hail you as brethren in the Lord, and rejoice in every opportunity of renewing the tokens of our fraternal attachment.

To us, as well as to yourselves, it is highly gratifying that the visit of our much-valued Ex-President and Secretary to your Conference, and of the other brethren who were officially deputed to attend your Missionary Meetings, has afforded you so much satisfaction and pleasure, and that their labours and counsels among you have been so acceptable and beneficial. All this we were prepared to expect from their known talent and fidelity,

and we are happy to find that our expectation is not disappointed. We cheerfully embrace the present opportunity of assuring you, that the appointment of your excellent Representatives has been very agreeable to us, and that they have conducted themselves in such a manner as to secure our unreserved affection and confidence.

The resolution which was passed at our last annual meeting, to allow you for the current year the sum of six hundred pounds from our Contingent Fund, proceeded from a sense of the duty we owed you under the pressure of your peculiar difficulties, and from our wish to co-operate with you in promoting the work of God in your native land. We are truly thankful that it was in our power to render you assistance amidst your zealous and long-continued labours in this great cause; and, considering the wide field of ministerial exertion which spreads itself before you, that assistance we willingly repeat; praying that, by means of the more extended instruction thus afforded to the more necessitous districts of your country, many now sitting in spiritual darkness may see the great light of scriptural truth, and have their feet guided in the way of peace.

We are indeed deeply sensible that your sphere of labour is vastly important. Ireland, long groaning under the burden of various woes, and culpably neglected by a large portion of the christian world, has at length engaged and continues to engage the attention of statesmen, patriots, philanthropists, and christians. We respect the motives, and would encourage the efforts, of all who seek the welfare of its dense population; but we are, at the same time, well assured that it is only by the word and Spirit of God that its wrongs can be effectually redressed, its fetters broken off, its divisions healed, and its miseries removed. In prosecuting your benevolent purposes, you have met with many obstacles peculiar to your situation. For some time these may remain with little or no abatement; but you have no reason to indulge fear or discouragement. The Lord of Hosts is with you. He continues to give you fruit of your labour; and though, in consequence of frequent emigrations and other causes, your success is not so visible as that of your brethren in some other parts of

the Lord's vineyard, yet is your work with your Divine Master. He will not suffer you to toil in vain, but will make you the instruments of bringing many sons and daughters to glory, who shall be your "joy and crown of rejoicing in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming."

In the meantime permit us, dear Brethren, to remark that our great concern, on both sides of the Channel, is DUTY. To "approve ourselves unto God" by all possible purity, fidelity, and diligence, as christians, evangelists, and pastors, should ever engage our utmost solicitude. It becomes us all, both young and old, to use our most vigorous efforts to promote our own intellectual improvement; and when we call to mind the instances of eminent attainments in sacred literature and ministerial usefulness which have occurred among our fathers and brethren, by the blessing of God upon their endeavours, we are encouraged to "give attendance to reading," to "meditate" on the sacred verities which we profess to teach, to "be wholly in them," and in short, to "give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." As it regards the labours of the pulpit, we deem it incumbent upon every one among us, after due preparation, of which importunate prayer must ever form an essential part, to "declare the whole counsel of God," with all plainness, simplicity, purity, and strength of language; avoiding, after the example of our venerable founder, every thing in style or manner that is ether showy or bombastic or rhapsodical, inaccurate or vulgar; aiming in every sermon at awakening impenitent sinners, directing the weary and heavy laden immediately to Christ, urging every believer to follow hard after the attainment of a full salvation, and to abound in the regular, diligent, and faithful discharge of every personal, relative, social, and religious duty. As overseers or pastors of a part of the flock of Christ, it is required of us, by the most assiduous and affectionate vigilance, to "warn the unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak," separate the incurable, and, if possible, recover the fallen; ever remembering our indispensable obligation to care for the youthful part of our flocks. On this point we think it impossible that our hearts and yours should

be too deeply impressed, or our solicitude and energies too strongly excited. To train up the rising generation in the way they should go, is one of the greatest and best employments in which we can engage; nor is it enough frequently to direct the attention of parents, teachers, and class-leaders to this object. This is only a part of our duty. We should also set before them a stimulating example, not merely in the proper instruction and government of our own children, but also by meeting the children of our people for catechetical instruction, by interspersing suitable addresses to them in our regular ministrations, and by preaching, at convenient seasons, especially to young people.

If this address to you has assumed something of a hortatory form, be assured, dear Brethren, that this does not arise from any love of dictation, but from a desire to stir up our own hearts, as well as yours, by way of remembrance.

We have deputed our highly-esteemed President, the Rev. John Stephens, to attend your next Conference, and our valuable brethren, the Rev. R. Watson and the Rev. John James to accompany him, and to assist at your Missionary Anniversaries and other Meetings. We trust that they will come among you in the "fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ," and that their visit will be rendered eminently profitable.

And now, dear Brethren, we commend you to the care and blessing of Almighty God. May he enrich you with all "spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ," and make you more abundantly successful in the diffusion of his truth, and the edification of his Church! The time of our earthly labour hastens to its close. This year, nine of our valued brethren have departed from the scenes of their ministerial exertions, some of them in the prime of life and high promise of usefulness. We too are passing away. Let us diligently employ the short term which is allotted to us, that we may at length finish our course in peace, and hear our great Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

Signed on behalf, and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINDROD, *Sub-Secretary.*

Manchester, August 9th, 1827.

: Annual Address of the Conference to the Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Societies in Ireland.

.Y Beloved in the Lord,

Ve gladly embrace the opportunity afforded by the of our annual meeting in Conference, of addressing ı such subjects as are of the utmost importance to ıurch of God. In the performance of this part of storal duty, we take a most lively interest, as we th truth say, you live in our affections; and to wit- our spiritual prosperity is the joy and delight of our . It is for you we labour, and for you we suffer, ou may be found of God with acceptance, in that hen he will come to make up his jewels. In the of the past year, two of our beloved brethren have alled home to their Father's house; one after many of sorrow and suffering, the other was suddenly from us in the prime of life and in the midst of his s to the enjoyment of the God he loved. We bow Divine will, remembering that it is written, "What hou knowest not now, but thou shall know here- We have enjoyed much union of soul and comfort Spirit since we have met together. In the general f our Connexion, we have cause of gratitude to God. ıgh on some circuits we must deplore a decrease in ımbers, yet on several others there has been a gracious ıring of the Spirit, and many have been brought to wledge of the only true God, and of Jesus Christ he hath sent. The state of our Foreign Missions ıts a most cheering aspect to the christian mind. lissionaries, in the true spirit of primitive Evangelists, ə in the most arduous labours, submit to the most ful privations, that they may fulfil the work of their ry, and carry the glad tidings of salvation to nations well in darkness, and in the valley of the shadow of

At home, in obedience to the Divine command, lissionaries sow their seed in the morning, and in

the evening they do not withhold their hand, but rest satisfied that the bread thus cast on the waters will appear after many days.

Since we last addressed you, an abundant harvest and an increased trade have removed much of the distress that had been so severely felt in our land, and still the prospect brightens to our view, and encourages us to hope in His mercy, who openeth His hand, and filleth all creatures living with plenteousness. "Oh! that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" To the members of our Societies and Congregations, we will say, never forget that you are strangers and pilgrims on the earth: that you are called upon to lay up your treasure in heaven, "esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt," having "respect to the recompence of the reward." That you may preserve the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, get well acquainted with the word of God, the great charter of your salvation; read it with regularity, with diligence, with attention, with much prayer, and see that all over whom you have authority be acquainted with God's book: it is able to make them "wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Be not of the number of those that are given to change. Having found the pearl of great price, preserve it with the most watchful care; attend regularly to the ministry of the word, and hear in the spirit of prayer, humility and faith. When in the house of God, do not take possession of the seat of judgment, but be found at the footstool of the Lord, learning lessons of heavenly wisdom; always expecting food for your souls, and hearing in faith, you shall not be disappointed. When your classes are to meet "forget not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is;" be always found at the table of the Lord, and in the place where prayer is wont to be made; and, in particular, attend without wavering on family and closet prayer. Do not rest satisfied in eating your morsel alone; use all diligence in bringing those with whom you have intercourse to the house of God; and exert yourselves in opening new places for prayer and the ministry of the word. Study to be an example to believers, in purity, in zeal, and in

Christian liberality. "Hold fast the form of sound words which you have heard, in faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus." Maintain with firmness but meekness, the scripture doctrine of a Trinity in Unity, the incarnation of Jesus Christ, who by the sacrifice of himself once offered, hath made an atonement for the sins of the whole world; and while you hold fast the doctrine of the personalty and proper divinity of the Holy Ghost, see that you do not grieve the Spirit of God, but receive him in all his enlightening, quickening, comforting and purifying operations. Rest not short of the direct witness of the Spirit, to bear witness with yours that you are the children of God. In your temporal concerns, be patterns of industry, perseverance, and economy; "owe no man anything, but to love one another;" be careful to keep your word, and never enter into any engagement unless you have satisfactory evidence that you will be able to fulfil it. In the use of this world's goods, let your moderation be known unto all men; take the advice of the christian poet, and

> "Let thy mind's sweetness have its operation
> Upon thy person, clothes, and habitation."

Be careful to provide all things necessary for the house of God, and those that minister there, that they may attend to prayer and preaching of the word without distraction. Watch over the young and rising generation with the most tender affection; guard their youthful minds against a love of novelty in matters of religion; teach them both by precept and example, to love God's house, to love his word, and his ministers.

To the youth in our Societies we will say, you are the objects of our tenderest love and anxious care, lest with respect to you we have laboured in vain, or run in vain; lest any of you should be carried away by the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, or the pride of life. You are highly honored of God in being called in the morning of life to bow your neck to his yoke, and your shoulders to his burden: do it with a cheerful mind and a willing heart, and you will be blessed indeed. Study to cultivate an intimate acquaintance with the things of God. Improve every day, every hour, to some valuable purpose: seek after useful knowledge, but

was made the honoured instrument of turning "sinne from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan un God."

In his last illness he enjoyed great peace of mind, a endured his affliction with much patience and resignati to the Divine will. On the 7th of February, 1829, closed his mortal course in holy triumph: some of his l words were, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain

2. WILLIAM POLLOCK. At an early period he join the Methodist society on the Manorhamilton circuit. was at that time under deep conviction of his sinful sta and shortly after found peace with God through faith our Lord Jesus Christ. He became an active and use local preacher, and after passing his usual examinatic to the satisfaction of his brethren, was called to a circ in 1813, and continued to travel regularly until 18 when, through great bodily affliction, he was obliged retire from the arduous duties of the itinerancy. At early period of his ministry, whilst labouring in the Ir Mission, sleeping in a damp bed induced the complaint which he died. He endured his severe affliction w much patience and resignation to the Divine will. At t last March Quarterly Love Feast he bore an humble a full testimony to the all-sufficiency of the grace of G to support and to save. He was an acceptable and use preacher, maintained close communion with God, and d in peace, June 19th, 1829.

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preache

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. Who has DESISTED from travelling?

A. Frederick P. Le Maitre, who retires from the wo at his own request.

Q. 7. How are the Preachers STATIONED this year?

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin*, William Stewart, Charles May Samuel Kyle; Thomas Wade D little, Book-Steward; Michael M phy, William Smith, William F guson, James M'Keown, Jo Clegg, Patrick Ffrench, Supern meraries.

2 *Drogheda*, Andrew Hamilton, jun. Fossey Tackaberry.
3 *Wicklow*, James Johnston, John Jebb; Alexander Moore, Supernumerary.
WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

4 *Waterford*, David Waugh, Robert Masaroon.
5 *Carlow*, John Hadden, Nathaniel Hobart; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
6 *Newtownbarry*, Thomas Lougheed, Robert Huston.
7 *Wexford*, John Carey, John Harrington.
8 *Kilkenny*, John Williams.
DAVID WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

9 *Cork and Cove*, John Stuart, William Reilly; Joshua Harman, Supernumerary, who is to reside at Cove.
10 *Bandon*, Samuel Wood, Robert Jessop; Andrew Hamilton, sen., George Stephenson, Supernumeraries.
11 *Skibbereen*, James Patterson.
N.B. The single preacher of the Bandon Circuit, shall change with the Skibbereen Preacher one entire fortnight in each quarter.
12 *Tralee*, William Richey, John Nash.
JOHN STUART, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

13 *Limerick*, Thomas Waugh, James B. Gillman.
14 *Roscrea*, Richard T. Tracy, John Greer; Francis Russell, Supernumerary.
15 *Cloughjordan*, Richard Phillips.
THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

16 *Tullamore*, William Crook, Robert Bruce; James Sterling, Supernumerary.

17 *Mountrath,* Andrew Taylor, George Burro
Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
18 *Longford,* John C. Irvine, John Wiggins; Rich
Price, Supernumerary.

WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

19 *Sligo,* John Howe, Thomas T. N. H
Daniel Pedlow, Supernumerary.
20 *Castlebar,* John Rogers, Samuel Downing.
21 *Ballina,* Charles M'Cormick, Robert Hill Li
say; William M'Cornock, Su
numerary.

JOHN HOWE, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

22 *Clones,* Henry Deery, James Stuart; Ar
bald Campbell, Supernumerary
23 *Castleblayney,* Edward Hazelton.
24 *Killeshandra and Boyle,* James M'Cutcheon, Jo
Edgerton, William Mulloy.
25 *Monaghan,* Edward Johnston, John Clendinn
N.B. The Preachers of the Mo
han Circuit shall change with
Castleblayney Preacher one
bath in every six weeks.

HENRY DEERY, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

26 *Enniskillen,* William Douglas, Robert Beaucha
Gustavus Armstrong, Wil
Hamilton, Robert Crozier, Su
numeraries.
27 *Brookborough,* John Campbell, Robert Wilson.
28 *Manorhamilton,* John Nesbitt, James Henry.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

29 *Londonderry and Strabane,* Charles M'Cord, Clau

Byrne; Francis Armstrong, James Smith, Supernumeraries.

30 *Irvinestown,* Archibald Murdoch, Castor Clements.

31 *Newtownstewart,* Alexander Sturgeon, James Lynch; John Kerr, John M'Arthur, Robert Carson, Supernumeraries.

ALEXANDER STURGEON, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

32 *Belfast,* Matthew Tobias, John Frazer Mathews, James Tobias; Thomas Ridgeway, Blakely Dowling, Thomas Brown, Supernumeraries.

33 *Donaghadee,* Thomas Ballard, William Cather.
N.B. The single Preacher of the Belfast Circuit shall visit Bangor one Sabbath day in each month.

34 *Downpatrick & Comber,* John Hill.
N.B. Brother Hill shall change with the Donaghadee Preachers one Sabbath in every six weeks.

35 *Carrickfergus and Larne,* James Rutledge, Matthew Lanktree, sen., Daniel M'Afee.

36 *Coleraine,* Samuel Harpur, Thomas Meredith; John Dinnen, Matthew Lanktree, jun., Supernumeraries.

37 *Lisburn,* John Foster, William Lupton.

MATTHEW TOBIAS, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

38 *Newry,* John Nelson, John Holmes.

39 *Dungannon,* James C. Pratt, Robert Strong; Robert Cranston, Supernumerary.

40 *Armagh,* William Keys, Edward Harpur.

41 *Lurgan,* Michael Burrows, Henry Price.

42 *Moira,* William Armstrong.
N.B. Brother Armstrong shall change with the Lurgan Preachers every third Sunday.

43 *Tanderagee,* John Waugh, William Kidd; Za riah Worrell, John Wilson, Su numeraries.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

With the Districts to which they are respectively attached.

1 *Celbridge & Trim,* George M'Elwain, John S. Wi James Bell, Supernumerary.— lin District.

2 *Carbery,* William Foote.
3 *Youghal & Fermoy,* James Olliffe, John Feely. } Cork Distric

4 *Killaloe, Kilrush & Tarbert,* Arthur Noble, James livan.—Limerick District.

5 *Lawrencetown & Galway,* William Cornwall, Wi Guard.—Tullamore District.

6 *Ballymoate & Liney,* James Lamb.—Sligo Distri

7 *Cavan,* Robert Bailey, Gideon Ouseley, Armstrong.—Clones District.
N.B. Brother Ouseley is to two months in Connaught, month in Kerry, and the rema of the year in the counties of C Fermanagh and Monaghan.

8 *Donegal,* Edward Cobain, Henry Lucy.- niskillen District.

9 *Rathmelton & Stranorlar,* John Rem- mington, John Saul } London Distr
10 *Newtownlimavaddy,* Francis Stephens

11 *Magherafelt,* James Carter, James Moffat
12 *Ballymena,* Samuel M'Dowell, William Finley } Be Dis
13 *Antrim,* Alexander Mackey
14 *Portaferry & Killough,* William Hamilton

Q. 8. What is the number of members in our Soc
A. Twenty-two thousand eight hundred and fort
Q. 9. What is the amount of the Yearly Collecti

A. Five hundred and ten pounds, eight shillings, and three pence.

N.B. Any deficiency in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year, shall be considered a deficiency of the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 10. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. One hundred and sixty-nine pounds, fourteen shillings, and nine pence.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Collection towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. Three hundred and three pounds, eighteen shillings, and five pence.

N.B. For the detail of the number of members in Society, and the amount of contributions on each circuit to our several Funds, see page 269.

Q. 12. How many wives and children are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-five wives; one hundred and seventy-eight children for maintenance, and ninety-six for education.

Q. 13. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the Districts, aided from the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz:

DISTRICTS.	Numbers in Society.	Amount for support of Wives, Maintenance and Education of Children.	Grant from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin	1586	£198 5 0	£80 0 0
2 Waterford	1065	133 2 6	116 0 0
3 Cork	1823	227 17 6	80 0 0
4 Limerick	803	100 7 6	80 0 0
5 Tullamore	807	100 17 6	140 0 0
6 Sligo	790	98 15 0	65 0 0
7 Clones	1833	229 2 6	230 0 0
8 Enniskillen	2195	274 7 6	210 0 0
9 Londonderry	2880	360 0 0	250 0 0
10 Belfast	2965	370 12 6	190 0 0
11 Newry	3530	441 5 0	300 0 0
	20277	2534 12 6	1741 0 0

N.B. The sum of one thousand seven hundred and forty-one pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1830, and it has been divided among the respective Districts according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting their demands, which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

Q. 14. What is the judgment of the Conference respecting the appointment of trustees for testamentary or other deeds relating to donations given for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. Whereas on the first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, at the Conference of the people called Methodists held in the city of Dublin, it was unanimously resolved, "That the following persons should be appointed trustees, to be nominated in testamentary or other deeds of donations given for any of the Funds instituted for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion, viz:—Thomas Coke, Adam Averell, John Kerr, Gustavus Armstrong, Andrew Hamilton, jun., John Dinnen, Matthew Tobias, William Ferguson, and Samuel Steele." And whereas the aforesaid Thomas Coke and Samuel Steele are dead; Adam Averell has withdrawn from our Connexion; John Kerr, Gustavus Armstrong, and John Dinnen have been superannuated; it is now unanimously resolved, that the following persons shall be nominated and appointed trustees in the room and stead of the said six trustees before appointed, viz: Samuel Wood, John Stuart, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, David Waugh, and Thomas Waugh, and they are hereby nominated and appointed. And it is also resolved, that the said trustees now appointed, together with the former remaining trustees, shall be the trustees for bequests, grants, and so forth, made to and for the benefit and use of any institution established, or that may be established by the Methodist Society and under the direction of the Methodist Conference.

Q. 15. Is any direction necessary in reference to petitions for the appointment of Preachers?

A. Our existing rule (see Minutes of 1826) shall be confirmed and uniformly adhered to. According to this

rule, "No petition shall be received for the appointment of a Preacher to any Circuit, unless it shall be agreed to and regularly signed at a general quarterly meeting of the Stewards and Leaders." By a general quarterly meeting, the Conference understands the regular quarterly meeting of a Circuit, to which the Stewards and Leaders of all the Societies in the Circuit have access; and in which the Superintendent, of course, presides as the pastor of our people. To petitions from such meetings signed by the Circuit stewards in their behalf, the Conference is disposed to pay every kind and respectful attention, which may be found to consist with the general interests of the Connexion; but our brethren should recollect that, where the benefit of all is to be consulted, the wishes of particular Circuits may occasionally be disappointed, and that the final decision on all such applications must in every case remain with the Conference, who alone have the means of comparing the relative claims and circumstances of all the parties concerned.

Q. 16. What directions shall be given respecting applications for additional Preachers?

A. That the Conference cannot entertain any application for an additional Preacher to be engaged in the regular work, unless a plan stating distinctly how and where he is to be employed and how provided for, be produced in writing in conjunction with such application.

Q. 17. What directions shall be given respecting applications to the Chapel Fund, for the relief of chapels?

A. A printed form shall be supplied to the Circuits which must be filled up, in which the claim shall be entered, and regularly passed at the May District Meeting, without which no application for relief can be received by the Chapel Fund Committee.

Q. 18. What chapels are to be built this year?

A. One at Ballymagooley, on the Youghal and Fermoy Mission; one at Lisacaha, on the Skibbereen Circuit; one at Ballingrane, on the Limerick Circuit; one at the Falls, on the Belfast Circuit; one at Glenarm, on the Ballymena Mission; and one at Antrim, on the Antrim Mission.

Q. 19. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., William

Smith, William Ferguson, Matthew Tobias, John Stuart Alexander Sturgeon, Charles Mayne, Henry Deery William Stewart, David Waugh, Samuel Harpur, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Thomas W. Doolittle, together with the regular Preachers of Dublin.

Q. 20. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to meet in Dublin to review the concerns of our Missions previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Andrew Hamilton, jun., John Stuart, Henry Deery, David Waugh, John Hadden, William Crook, Samuel Harpur, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Richard Taylor Tracy, and the Secretary of the Conference, together with the following thirteen gentlemen:—William Kent, Christopher Hamilton, William Heney, James Carson, Dublin; Thomas Pearse, Annacurra; Moses Rowe, Wexford; Thomas Barber, Newtownbarry; Joseph Higgins, Clonmel; Patrick Clarke, Dunleer; John Boyd, Cootehill; Thomas Shillington, Portadown; John M'Connell, Belfast; James Boyd, Larne.

The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the monies raised shall be transmitted to the General Treasurer, the first week in December, March, and June. Also the Yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, instead of the 30th of June, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 21. What directions shall be given respecting the remittances to our Book Steward?

A. Every superintendent shall remit to the Book Steward in Dublin, on or before the 31st of December, the amount for the books he shall have disposed of from the preceding Conference, and that a second remittance be made on or before the 31st of March, for the books sold previously to that period, in order that the required remittances be made to the British Book-room.

Q. 22. What has been subscribed in Ireland towards the payment of the General Debt of our Connexion?

A. Seven thousand two hundred and three pounds,

seven shillings and sixpence, including the subscriptions of our Preachers, members, and friends.

Q. 23. What are the sentiment and resolution of the Conference on this subject?

A. The Conference review with admiration and gratitude the affectionate liberality manifested on this interesting occasion; and unanimously resolve, that a circular letter be prepared and printed, strongly expressive of the most cordial thanks of the Conference, for the liberality of the friends and members of the Methodist Society, in their subscriptions towards the payment of the General Debt, to be sent to the subscribers, and that a detailed Report of the whole shall be published as soon as the outstanding subscriptions shall be collected and paid in to Brother William Stewart of Dublin, who is appointed Treasurer.

Q. 24. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, Archibald Murdoch, Charles Mayne, Henry Deery, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, William Crook, Robert Bruce, Alexander Mackey, Richard T. Tracy, together with eleven brethren, not travelling preachers, who shall be elected, one in each District. The brethren, not travelling preachers, who may be members of the Chapel Fund Committee, shall be annually chosen from each Circuit in the Districts alternately.

Q. 25. Who are the Chapel Building Committee, without whose previous consent obtained in writing no Chapel (excepting those previously named) whether large or small is to be erected, purchased, or enlarged, during the ensuing year?

A. The Preachers of the Dublin Circuit, with Messrs. Arthur Williams and Henry Heney. Charles Mayne is Secretary to this Committee.

Q. 26. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our everal Funds?

A. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer; William Reilly Secretary of the Contingent Fund. William Ferguson, Alex. Sturgeon, Treasurers; Robert Masaroon, Secretary of the Auxiliary and Legalized Funds. Thomas Edwards, General Treasurer of the Mission Fund.

Q. 27. What measures can we adopt for the increase of spiritual religion amongst our Societies and Congregations, and for the extension of the work of God in our native country?

A. We recur to the Regulations printed in our Minutes of 1821, commencing at page 22,* chiefly adopted from the British Minutes of the preceding year, and earnestly recommend the frequent perusal of them to every Preacher in the Connexion; and again direct that they be read by every Chairman, at his District Meeting in August, and be made the subject of conversation among the brethren, and that the faithful observance of these excellent regulations be matter of serious investigation at the District Meetings in May, the result to be entered in the District Minute Book, to be forthcoming at the Conference.

The Conference most earnestly inculcate the uniform and conscientious observance of all our Rules of Discipline, and urge a particular attention to Watch Nights, Private and Public Bands, and Quarterly days of special humiliation, fasting and prayer, and solicit peculiar attention to the annual Pastoral Address appended to these Minutes.

Q. 28. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in August.

Q. 29. When shall the District Meetings preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 30. Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference.

A. Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, Thomas Waugh.

Q. 31. When and where shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Dublin, as follows, viz:—The Stationing Committee on Wednesday, June 30th. The Committee of Chairmen on Thursday, July 1st. The Book Committee on Friday, July 2nd. The Chapel Fund Committee on Saturday, July 3rd. The Missionary Committee on Monday, July 5th.

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Brother John F. Mathews, our Sub-Secretary, is directed to attend at the time appointed for the Committees, for the purpose of preparing various lists, &c., in order to facilitate the business of the Conference.

N.B. The above Committees are to meet on the days appointed, at 10 o'clock each morning.

Q. 32. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin, on the first Tuesday in July, 1830.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JABEZ BUNTING, *President.*
WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Cork, 14*th July*, 1829.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

DR. THE TREASURER OF THE CONTINGENT FUND.

	£	s.	d.
To Grant from the British Contingent Fund	600	0	0
To ditto from the Auxiliary Fund.....	250	0	0
To Amount of Yearly Collection.....	510	8	3
To Donation from James Hill, Esq.....	90	0	0
To ditto from Henry Cornwall, Esq.....	100	16	7
To ditto from Mr. Monkhouse, per Rev. Robert Newton.....	1	0	0
To Mrs. Shiel's Bequest.....	4	4	2
To Miss Church's ditto.....	13	16	11
To Balance from Missionary Grant as per arrangement.....	254	0	0
Balance.....	400	9	6½
	£2224	15	5½

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	£	s.	d.
By Allowance to the Districts to meet the demands on ditto 1732	0	0	
By Amount of Grass Bill	31	17	0
By Interest on the General Debt of the Connexion	400	0	0
By Limerick Annuity	60	18	5½
	£2224	15	5½

CIRCUITS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Superannuated Preacher's Auxiliary Fund.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1 Dublin	1050	99	0	0	47	0	0	27	7	0	30	10	0
2 Drogheda	295	16	10	0	13	5	3	3	6	11	1	11	0
3 Wicklow	241	10	10	0	7	0	0	4	5	4	1	1	0
4 Waterford	201	26	5	6	9	4	0	13	1	6	7	0	0
5 Carlow	288	11	14	0	4	9	8	4	5	1	2	7	6
6 Newtownbarry	240	7	11	0	3	5	2	4	2	0	1	1	0
7 Wexford	226	8	1	0	5	4	0	6	14	2	2	2	0
8 Cork	560	51	0	0	13	0	0	21	0	0	25	0	0
9 Mallow and Cove	180	4	18	2	3	14	6	4	0	0	1	1	0
10 Bandon	662	24	0	0	15	0	0		...		14	1	6
11 Skibbereen	390	7	13	0	2	5	0	3	6	0	1	1	0
12 Tralee	153	11	18	7	2	4	6	5	3	7	1	1	0
13 Limerick	434	11	13	1	4	12	8	15	0	0	5	15	0
14 Roscrea	235	9	0	0	5	1	5	6	5	0	3	1	1
15 Cloughjordan	144	4	12	0	2	0	0	1	12	10	1	1	0
16 Tullamore	153	7	19	0	3	5	0	7	0	0	1	5	0
17 Mountrath	400	7	14	0	5	4	0	2	12	8	1	5	0
18 Longford	254	5	4	0	5	4	0	2	12	8	1	1	0
19 Sligo	460	10	0	0	5	0	0	5	10	0	3	2	6
20 Castlebar	140	9	0	0	4	0	0	2	3	0	2	2	0
	6656	343	14	4	159	19	2	See Report			103	9	7

CIRCUITS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.	Education Collection Fund.	Chapel Fund.	Superannuated Preacher's Auxiliary Fund.
Amount brought forward.....	6656	343 14 4	159 19 2	...	106 9 7
21 Ballina.....	212	6 0 0	2 17 0	1 0 0	1 1 0
22 Clones.....	512	4 11 0	3 1 2	3 17 2	1 5 0
23 Castleblayney.....	388	4 0 0	2 10 0	3 0 0	1 1 0
24 Killeshandra and Boyle.....	600	6 10 6	2 11 10	2 15 6	1 1 0
25 Monaghan.....	553	6 12 4	4 9 0	4 6 11	1 4 6
26 Enniskillen.....	760	5 16 2	2 7 6	4 10 9	1 1 0
27 Brookborough.....	744	5 10 0	2 10 0	1 10 0	1 1 0
28 Manorhamilton.....	691	5 12 6	1 4 1	...	1 1 0
29 Londonderry.....	524	8 9 2	11 1 7	...	1 1 0
30 Irvinestown.....	1196	6 15 0	2 0 0	0 5 2	1 1 0
31 Newtownstewart.....	1160	7 10 0	3 4 6	3 7 6	1 1 0
32 Belfast.....	704	15 5 0	23 0 6	10 14 8	4 15 0
33 Donaghadee.....	325	5 0 0	4 10 0	3 6 0	1 1 0
34 Downpatrick.....	265	4 3 4	4 5 0	2 2 2	1 2 0
35 Carrickfergus.....	553	9 0 0	9 10 0	11 0 0	2 10 0
36 Coleraine.....	560	5 13 6	5 0 0	...	2 15 0
37 Lisburn.....	668	4 9 2	8 0 5	...	4 0 0
38 Newry.....	305	4 5 0	6 5 0	4 1½ 0	2 2 6
39 Dungannon.....	550	4 12 0	5 11 0	8 16 0	2 15 8
40 Armagh.....	609	7 4 0	5 5 7	5 6 8	1 6 0

CIRCUITS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.	Education Collection Fund.	Chapel Fund.	Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
41 Lurgan	870	8 18 0	8 2 2	12 3 6	2 10 0
42 Moira	283	2 10 0	1 12 0	1 1 6	1 1 0
43 Tanderagee	913	3 10 0	9 0 0	7 8 0	3 0 0
MISSION STATIONS.					
1 Celbridge and Trim	120	2 4 6	1 2 6	...	3 14 6
2 County Kilkenny	160	3 10 0	1 5 0	1 1 0	1 1 0
3 Youghal	105	3 4 2	1 15 1	1 10 2	1 1 0
4 Carbery	65	1 0 0	0 16 0	1 0 0	1 1 6
5 Killaloe and Kilrush	62	2 2 6	1 16 9	1 6 0	1 11 0
6 Galway	33	1 10 0	1 10 0	0 6 0	1 1 0
7 Lawrencetown	120	1 10 0	2 0 0	2 0 0	1 1 0
8 Cavan	47	1 1 0	0 12 6	0 10 6	1 1 0
9 Donegal	530	2 2 0	1 10 6	1 10 0	1 1 0
10 Rathmelton	138	1 7 6	0 3 1	1 0 0	1 11 0
11 Ballymena	248	1 11 6	1 0 0	0 18 6	6 1 0
12 Magherafelt	545	3 6 7	2 4 0	3 11 9	1 2 6
13 Newtownlimavaddy	72	0 7 6	0 5 6	0 11 1	1 1 0
	22846	510 8 3	303 18 5	See Report	169 14 9

N.B.—The following sums have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Preachers' Legalized Fund :—

Subscription from James Hill, Esq..... £10 0 0
Mrs. Deaves's Legacy 11 8 0

The Annual Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very dear Fathers and Brethren,

Being, through the tender mercy of God, convened once more in our Annual Conference, we feel, perhaps, more strongly than ever, that we are one with you in our common Lord, who has in the dispensations of his grace and providence united in himself our hearts, our energies, our interests, and our hopes, in time and in eternity.

The commencement of our meeting was distinguished by a spirit of earnest prayer and supplication, followed by a gracious influence, to which the reading of your excellent and seasonable address not a little contributed; and our consciences bear witness, that we have, during our subsequent deliberations, endeavoured with all fidelity to profit by the important suggestions it contains.

As our various concerns required, we have endeavoured "to provoke each other to love and good works," and have felt the necessity of giving ourselves with increasing diligence and faithfulness to the exercise of our ministry. Fully convinced of the importance of our high vocation, and of our consequent responsibility, we are determined to be instant in season and out of season; to study our intellectual improvement; faithfully to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ; to attend to those pastoral duties which constitute so essential a part of the sacred office; to train up our own children and those of our people in the doctrine and discipline of the Lord; to promote peace and holiness among all our Societies; to be pure from the blood of all men. And we beseech you, Fathers and Brethren, "for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye cease not to strive together with us in your prayers to God for us," that we may obtain mercy, to be faithful to the trust committed to us, until the word of the cross shall become triumphant in every part of our distracted country; until anti-christian

hostility, angry politics, sectarian selfishness, and whatever hinders our speedy emancipation from sin and error, shall be removed; and our favoured island become for ever united to the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

Towards the attainment of this most happy consummation much has already been effected, and much is now doing. A reforming and regenerating influence is pervading the land. Many agencies are in actual operation for this purpose, which but a few years ago were dormant; and it is publicly acknowledged that Wesleyan Methodist Preachers in Ireland, identified with the British Conference, have taken the lead in this christian enterprise. Notwithstanding the opposition shown by the rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places, they are still found at their post of duty; they have stood fast in the evil day, and are determined more than ever to spend and be spent in accomplishing their ministry and warfare.

In our endeavour to maintain and extend the work of the Lord, you are not ignorant of some of the extraordinary difficulties and privations to which we were called. Whatever they were, it is our consolation to reflect, that all these things have wrought together for our good. We were thereby taught to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God; to cast all our care on him who careth for us; we were more united to you, and to each other; we were chastened, purified, and comforted: what then seemed to be "grievous," has been productive of "the peaceable fruits of righteousness."

During the past year, the hand of the Most High has been with us, and afforded us fresh encouragement to go forward with renewed zeal in his blessed work. In some Circuits, formerly in a declining state, many have been added to the Church, and joined to our Societies. After a particular and close scrutiny into the spiritual state of all our Circuits, we found them generally in a condition of growing prosperity. Our system of finance likewise is better understood, and more effectually brought into operation. The results are such as might be expected. In proportion as our people value and provide for the gospel at home, they are zealously affected in raising funds

for the support of our Missionary cause, and are emulous to join hands with you, and all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, in communicating the blessings of his kingdom to the ends of the earth. We have had many gratifying statements respecting the present state of our Irish Missions and Schools. The collections for the Wesleyan Missionary Society, so remarkably increased during the past year, (which in some Circuits were doubled and trebled,) give ample testimony on this subject, and afford satisfying evidence to our excellent friends in England, that they may joyfully anticipate the period when Ireland, abounding in the fruits of righteousness, shall amply repay their care and expense in the promotion of its moral culture.

We are happy to state, that such arrangements have been made, that we hope, by a spirited and unanimous effort during the ensuing year, to lessen the debt of the Connexion. The existence of this burthen has tended considerably to increase our financial difficulties; but we rely on the Divine sufficiency, and hope for success.

In reviewing this subject, and recording the great goodness of our God towards us as a part of his family, we are led to consider the "rock from whence we were hewed, and the hole of the pit from whence we were digged." We remember what Ireland was when the Rev. Messrs. Wesley, and their helpers in the Gospel, visited our country; and we cannot forget the unwearied regards and parental solicitudes which our fathers and brethren have shown toward us, under all our varied and peculiar circumstances, to this hour. Accept then, our cordial and unfeigned acknowledgments.

The visits of the Revds. Dr. Townley and Valentine Ward in the North, and the Rev. Messrs. Jacob Stanley and T. H. Squance in the South, have been attended with gracious and beneficial effects, in the excitement of a missionary spirit throughout the land. Considering the good resulting from these visits, we particularly request that you will make arrangements that our island may be favoured with similar deputations in the ensuing year.

Our highly respected President, the Rev. John Stephens, entered on his labours among us with all his heart, edified us by his pulpit ministrations, and kindly and judiciously

assisted us in our affairs, until we were deprived of his help by indisposition; but we thank God that in a few days he was enabled to resume his place amongst us. His wisdom, his affection, his firmness, have given universal satisfaction, and proved a great blessing.

The Rev. John James, whom you selected as his companion, has, by his affectionate regard for our concerns, endeared himself to our hearts. During the illness of the President, he filled the chair of the Conference with great ability. His whole deportment among us was marked by lively concern for our interests, and by assiduous and faithful attention to every department of our work. His labours in the pulpit have been much owned by the Great Head of the Church, and proved an unspeakable blessing to the multitudes who attended his ministry. It would be exceedingly gratifying to us, should either of these excellent brethren be appointed to visit us during the ensuing year, or at any future period.

We have chosen as our Representatives in your venerable assembly, our experienced and faithful brethren the Rev. William Stewart and the Rev. Matthew Tobias, with whose former services in our behalf you are well acquainted. These brethren are intimately acquainted with all our affairs, and possess our entire confidence.

From our knowledge of the ability and fidelity with which our excellent friend, the Rev. Thomas Edwards has fulfilled his trust in superintending the Mission Schools among us, we unanimously request that his services may be continued for another year.

We greatly regret that anything should have deprived us of the edification we expected from the counsels and ministry of our late President, the Rev. Richard Watson; but we earnestly hope that in the ensuing year, we may be honoured by a visit from him. Our requests on this subject, and all others connected with our economy and circumstances, we trust to our excellent Representatives.

We were lately bereaved of one of our most promising young Preachers, John Wilson, who has obtained the crown of life; and John Malcomson, one of our superannuated brethren, a suffering saint for many years, has attained his long sought rest. Some of the brethren

through age and debility have been obliged to retire from the active work of the ministry; but, thanks be to God, we have received into our ministry, and taken upon trial, several young men, from whose piety and talents much fruit may be expected.

In retiring from this Conference to our various appointments, we all appear to be influenced by one spirit. We go forward in the strength of Christ; resolved to live and labour for him, as though this year were to be our last. We have a good hope through grace. We thank God, and take courage.

Fathers and Brethren, we conclude by imploring the blessing of our living Head upon all your counsels and endeavours to extend and establish his kingdom upon earth.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us with you faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen.

Signed in behalf, and by order of the Conference,

S. Wood, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 9th, 1828.

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address of the Irish Conference.

Very Dear Brethren,

Your Annual Address, presented by your esteemed Representatives, the Rev. William Stewart and the Rev. Matthew Tobias, was received with all those feelings of christian respect and brotherly kindness, which, in our hearts have long being habitual towards you. To receive and to give these periodical assurances of mutual affection and zealous co-operation is a gratifying part of our public

duties. We joyfully claim and acknowledge you as faithful fellow-servants of our Lord, who have laboured, and have patience, and have not fainted. The difficulties which have obstructed your ministry, the conflicts and privations with which you so often have painfully struggled in the cause of Christ and of souls, have excited our most affectionate sympathy; and the spirit of power and of love in which we have seen you enduring all things has filled us with admiration. We have not ceased to remember you in our prayers to "the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;" and we doubt not that he, whose willing labourers you are, will still set before you an open door which no man can shut. In the course of the year we have heard the glad tidings of your success in counteracting the influence of superstition, and turning many from darkness to light; and we have seen with joy that the pure purpose and blessed efficacy of your abundant labours are understood and acknowledged by a considerable part of the christian public, and openly testified by witnesses of the highest character. You are doing a great work: the Lord is with you: and, though the distractions of your interesting country may yet for some time be prolonged, He who sitteth above the water-floods, and reigneth King for ever, will be your refuge and strength: He will own and bless your vigilant and hardy fidelity, and your meek and humble diligence; and the seed of the bread of life which you cast upon the waters will be seen after many days.

Solemnly impressed with the great importance to the cause of God of the manifold affairs which we assembled to consider and determine, we approached the throne of grace with humble, earnest, importunate supplications to the Great Head of the Church, for his gracious presence and guidance in all things, that all our proceedings, both in their course and termination, might be pleasing in his sight. Our united petitions and intercessions were graciously heard; and we entered upon the business of the year under a most solemn and delightful sense of the Divine presence.

We have had to regret some disturbances in one or two of our Societies during the past year. A very lengthened

and serious inquiry into all the causes, alleged or real, was conducted by the brethren, with the fullest disposition to redress the wrongs, if any had in the course of the year, in any quarter been suffered. The Conference, however, found that the principal matters of complaint arose from the effect which our wholesome system of discipline when faithfully administered, had produced upon some individuals, and not from any abuse of that pastoral direction of our Societies which the providence of God has entrusted to our hands. This system, delivered down to us by our venerable Father, the Rev. John Wesley, and his associates and immediate followers, in all its branches, we have anew determined to preserve and administer; and in this determination we are persuaded the Preachers will be affectionately supported by all the Societies under their care; nor are we without hope that many of those who have at present seceded from us will again return to that paternal care by which they were first gathered out of the world, and have since been watched, with a solicitude the most anxious for their present and future happiness.

We feel it to be a matter of great thanksgiving to Almighty God, that, amidst all the endeavours which have been so actively made in the course of the year, to distract our Connexion, and to divert the attention of both Preachers and people from the important cares of their souls and a future life, upon these great subjects attention has been seriously and extensively fixed. The word of God has been faithfully preached; to this God has given his testimony, and an addition has by His blessing been made to our Societies as great as in our most peaceful and prosperous years.

The addition to our Societies in Great Britain, after supplying the places of those whom death has removed to a happier state, and of those also who unhappily have separated from us, is 7,955; and the increase on Foreign Stations is 2,025, making a total increase of 9,980. This we feel to be great encouragement, given by Him who alone can give success, and so bestow this characteristic mark of his approval on any ministry of his word; and we trust that we shall feel this to be a powerful motive to a future persevering ministration of the Gospel, "in

season and out of season," undismayed by any of the difficulties which may be thrown in our way. We do indeed, dear Brethren, feel that we are eminently called to this service. As part of the church of God, and especially as ministers at its altars, appointed to preach its doctrines and to administer its discipline and ordinances, we are required to be "the lights of the world;" and, as the heart of one man, we determine that by the grace of God, our light shall "so shine before men," that the world may "glorify our Father who is in heaven."

During the year, death has removed from among us one of the fathers of our body, the venerable and Rev. William Myles, a native of your country; he died, as he had lived, an edifying example of the virtues, the peacefulness, and the assurance of the christian. Others, under the pressure of years and infirmity, have retired from the itinerant work. But, blessed be God, there is no cause to apprehend that this work will decline; for He continues to send forth labourers into His harvest, men, rich in gifts and graces for the Christian ministry, to supply the places of those whom he has caused to cease from their labours, and to extend the work wherever his providence has opened our way. Thirty-five young men, after a four years' probation, have been received into full Connexion with the body, some of them being sons of Preachers, whose lives have been honourably and usefully devoted to the ministry: these fruits of their careful instruction, their example, and their prayers, God has given to them and to his church, to the great joy of the brethren who admitted them, and of the large assembly that witnessed their admission.

We are thankful to God for the speedy recovery of our esteemed ex-President from the indisposition by which he was visited whilst among you, and for the efficient services which he and his associate, the Rev. John James, were enabled to render you. We also have to say that your Representatives have obtained a place in our esteem and affection even higher than before, by their ministerial labours, and by their wise representation of your affairs in our Committees and in the Conference. We have appointed our very highly esteemed President, with the

Rev. Robert Newton, our beloved Secretary, to attend your next Conference. We have deputed our brethren the Rev. Messrs. Burdsall, and Alder to attend the meetings of your Missionary Societies in the north of Ireland the ensuing year, and the Rev. Messrs. M'Nicoll and Close to attend those in the south. These appointments we are sure will be acceptable to you; and we trust will greatly promote the glory of God, in the edification of his church, and the extension of our Saviour's kingdom.

And now, dear Brethren, having nearly transacted our various business, in a spirit of harmony and brotherly affection, never before, we believe, exceeded, we are about to separate and to return to the beloved people of our charge. We anticipate growing prosperity. Every year is hastening the time when "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;" and we doubt not that that glory by the preaching of the Gospel, will, both to the inhabitants of our country and your own, as well as to the people of foreign lands, appear every year in brighter manifestation. We pray that you with ourselves, may faithfully "serve our generation by the will of God," and then be made for ever to "inherit all things."

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINDROD, JOHN ANDERSON, } *Sub-Secretaries.*

London, Aug. 18, 1828.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST SOCIETIES IN IRELAND.

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD,

Having been preserved by the tender mercy of our God through the many trials, labours, exercises, and successes of the past year; and having been brought together once more to review the general concerns of that department of the vineyard, in which the Lord of the harvest has appointed us to labour, permit us as your spiritual

pastors to call your attention to some of the passing events in our Connexion, and also to such matters in doctrine and morals as we have deemed essential to your well-being as a people. And if, in the effort of stirring up your pure minds, by way of remembrance, we shall feel it necessary, to reiterate some of the views exhibited in former Addresses, we trust you will not consider us as discharging an unnecessary duty, but humbly attempting to follow the direction of Him, who said of old, "line upon line, line upon line; precept upon precept, precept upon precept;" and also of St. Paul to Timothy, "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained."

We are now assembled in Conference for the second time in this city, where our venerable Founder and his helpers in the Lord, many years since, unfurled the gospel standard in the midst of great persecution and opposition of the adversary. The word ran and was glorified; an abundant harvest was reaped. Many eminent saints, who had been the fruit of Methodist ministration, have been called to the church triumphant. In the present day the most substantial evidences of strong attachment are given by the Society of this place, to our common Christianity and the peculiar plan of the Methodist economy. Their neat and beautiful chapels erected at very considerable expense, and their characteristic courtesy and hospitality in receiving and entertaining with the most cordial affection so many christian ministers, are much to their credit and praise as a branch of the great Methodist family.

The highly important work of our Conference commenced on Tuesday, the 7th of July, with praise and prayer to God. At the six and twelve o'clock public prayer-meetings, the overwhelming power of saving grace was eminently felt, and every heart could truly say, "Lo God is here, let us adore, and own how dreadful is this place." In the course of our sittings, the various parts of our great work underwent the utmost scrutiny, and such regulations as were deemed necessary for the good of the Societies were adopted. We can assure our beloved

people that, according to the utmost of our power, we have conscientiously attended to all such measures as, in our judgment, might have a tendency to perpetuate that unbending system of doctrine and discipline, which has been the glory of the body for near a century past. On our predecessors in the ministry, the great work of arousing a nation slumbering on the brink of ruin almost solely devolved; and, notwithstanding, in modern times, many have been raised up in other churches who exhibit with clearness the first principles of the doctrine of Christ, we are more than ever persuaded that to us is committed a peculiar and sacred deposit; and while we trust, we feel our own insufficiency, we can say, "The Lord is our rock and our strength, he is also become our salvation:" and from His gracious acknowledgment of our labours in various ways, we can truly say with our venerable Founder when dying, "The best of all is, God is with us."

We congratulate you on the pleasing fact that Almighty God has been pleased of late to raise up some men of considerable talent in Ireland, who have ably chastised and laid low in the dust the impertinent attacks of some novices in divinity (though of high name) who had attempted in their writings to overturn the grand fundamental doctrine of the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. In every thing that appertains to the defence and furtherance of the truth, in any of its several departments we rejoice, and call upon you, dearly beloved, to join with us in blessing God for all instruments of good, whether they be the ministers of other bodies, or the active and zealous labourers of our own Connexion.

For more than twelve years the hearts of your ministers, whom you love much in the Lord, had been greatly oppressed by the enormous debt of the Connexion; in meeting the annual interest of which, they were forced to submit to privations that are almost incredible. But, thank God, a new scene has this year opened to their view. "Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless his holy name." By an effort of christian benevolence, seldom equalled and never excelled in any time or place, the sum of £7203 7s. 6d. has been sub-

scribed; a considerable part of which has been paid, and we doubt not the remainder will be transmitted to the Treasurer shortly after Conference. In this great work both Preachers and people have heartily joined. By the sum which has been raised, and the assistance we expect from that generous country, from whence Methodism in its full orbed glory was brought to Ireland, when deeply sunk in sin and ignorance; and after employing her ministerial talent and her pecuniary aid in the most generous manner for many years, she now joins hands with God, in greater efforts than ever, to raise our country to that moral dignity and excellence, to which we hope the providence of God designs it should be elevated. From this high display of christian benevolence, and, considering the source from which it has proceeded, we anticipate great things in the coming year, and, more especially, an out-pouring of the Spirit beyond the ordinary, and his blessing on his word to the salvation of many. Considering what has been done, we devoutly thank God. We take courage; we will, through his help, lay ourselves out in every possible way, that we may "preach Jesus Christ," and we trust, through His grace, to afford you the fullest proof that we are, and ever shall be, "your servants for Jesus' sake."

We have the happiness to inform you that the good work has prospered much in different places in the course of the last year. Many have been awakened and savingly brought to God. Some hundreds have joined our Societies; but through emigrations, deaths, and the exercise of wholesome discipline, our increase will not appear considerable in the Minutes. During the last year two of our brethren in the ministry have been called from the field of labour to their great and eternal reward. One of those, the Rev. James Irwin, through inability to travel had retired in 1827 from the public work, but as he had strength, he continued to preach the word until February, 1829. He died happy in God, and left behind him a sweet savour, in the neighbourhood where he latterly resided. The other, the Rev. W. Pollock, was a man who enjoyed deep communion with God for several

years; and we have no doubt, that he has obtained an abundant entrance into the joy of his Lord.

The tidings from our numerous Missionary Stations are daily becoming more eventful. Such have been the efforts of christian benevolence among our societies and friends in the sister country last year, and such the expected aid for the ensuing year, that the Committee of the Parent Society have resolved to employ, in addition to one hundred and ninety-one already actively engaged in the arduous labour, sixteen missionaries, three of whom are to be appointed for Ireland. How highly has the Lord favoured our Connexion with regard to the Mission work. When we consider our ways and means as a body, and that one-fourth of all the Protestant Missionaries in the world are employed by us, well may we exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" Serious impediments were cast in the way of some of our Missionaries in a part of Jamaica last year, and two of them were imprisoned for a short time; but on application having been made to the proper authorities, their confinement was declared to be illegal by the chief judge, and the magistrates who committed them have been deprived of the commission of the peace by order of the lieutenant-governor of the island.

Appearances of the approaching harvest were very gloomy some time since, but the good Lord has opened the windows of heaven, and the refreshing rain has descended, through which we may hope for an abundant harvest and plenty for man and beast.

By the general depression of trade some of you, dearly beloved, in common with others have greatly suffered, but we trust patience will have its perfect work, and that you will remember that "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

The doctrines of the gospel, as maintained in all their purity by the first Methodist ministers, we consider committed to us as a peculiar trust. The scriptural statement of man's total depravity, and justification by faith, we bless God, are held by many in the land. But the doctrines of the direct witness of the Spirit, repentance of

believers, and christian perfection, have been peculiar to our body from its earliest existence to the present hour. We are most anxiously desirous indeed that you should not rest short of the full salvation of the gospel; that you should not content yourselves with the superficial views of christian experience, which so generally prevail. We beseech you, for Christ's sake, rest not without the enjoyment of justification by faith, and the witness of the Spirit. Let the good old Methodistic views of the repentance of believers, and christian perfection, be duly appreciated. We exhort you to a regular and attentive perusal of the Holy Scriptures; and to the indispensably necessary duties of family and private prayer. Be not conformed to this world. Let parents imitate the plainness of the first Methodists, and use their influence and authority with their children, that they may "walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing." A judicious mixture of mildness and firmness will effect much in this and other family concerns, and produce the best consequences to society, and tend much to the glory of God. Be conscientious in attending public worship. Go to the house of God in the spirit of prayer, and in expectation of the blessing suited to your case, and take heed to the things you shall hear "lest at any time you should let them slip." Be frequent in your approaches to the Lord's table, remembering the authority that says, "This do in remembrance of me." Let the rules of our Society be frequently read. Estimate highly the privilege of class and band meetings. Mark the happy results on such as perseveringly and faithfully use these means, and the evil effects on such as neglect them. "Be diligent in business, fervent in spirit." Give not, nor take offence; speak evil of no man. Beware of busy bodies and whisperers, who mind other peoples' business but neglect their own. Sparingly enter into political conversations, but be always ready to shew that you "fear God and honour the king." Let such as are in business, especially tradesmen, promise nothing without punctually performing. The cause of religion is frequently reproached by professors not keeping their word. In the wide extended field of action which Methodism throws open to its members, there is room for every individual to show zeal for God.

We trust that the importance of Sunday Schools will be more felt than heretofore. A more general distribution of tracts may be rendered highly serviceable. We invite you to a more close attention to our financial concerns, that wholly we may attend to our own peculiar work, the ministration of the word of God and prayer. We also hope that an increasing interest will be felt for our numerous and important Missions. As parents, children, masters, servants; as Stewards and Leaders in our Societies, we pray you "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

The latter day glory has assuredly appeared; and, if we may calculate upon the events which have taken place for a few years past, we may humbly expect that great things will be speedily accomplished throughout the nations of the world. In the meantime be you as the watchful sentinel, all eye, all ear, and judging nothing before the time, let each remain in his lot, praying earnestly, "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly!" With commission renewed and baptized with holy influence, we are about to separate and enter on our labours for the ensuing year. The fields appear white; "pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into his harvest," that by his blessing on their works our country may speedily, in a more true and solid sense than in the days of old, be denominated the Island of Saints.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference,

JABEZ BUNTING, *President.*
WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Cork, July 13, 1829.

DUBLIN, Tuesday, July 6th, 1830.

Q. 1. What Preachers are admitted into FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. John Greer, James Henry, John Harrington, Thomas T. N. Hull, John Saul, William Hamilton.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. Daniel M'Afee, John Prusho Hetherington, Robert Hill Lindsay, Robert Jessop, Henry Lucy.

These have travelled three years.

Thomas Meredith, John Williams, Edward Harpur, James Moffat, William Lupton.

These have travelled two years.

James Tobias, Robert Huston, William Cather, William Mulloy.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers are now RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

A. John Byrne, William Starkey, William Burnside, James Hughes, Thomas Nesbitt.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since the last Conference?

A. 1. JOHN KERR, who was born in the County Tyrone, in the year 1750. He did not experience true religion till he was more than twenty years of age. About that period he was led to attend the Methodist ministry, and soon found the word of God to be "sharper than a two-edged sword," but being directed to the Lamb of God, he obtained "redemption in his blood, the forgiveness of sins." Shortly after his conversion, he began to call sinners to repentance; and in the year 1782 was approved as a preacher by Mr. Wesley, and appointed to a circuit. He travelled for twenty years with general acceptance and usefulness. In the year 1802 he was appointed our Book-Steward, which situation he filled for twelve years, and attended to its various duties with diligence and

fidelity. In the year 1814 he became a supernumerar He had a strong understanding; he was well acquaint with the word of God, and the writings of the Found of Methodism; his sermons generally discovered an int mate acquaintance with the human heart, and the way salvation as revealed in the gospel. He was a judicio superintendent, a good preacher, and a steady frien During the last sixteen years of his life, he suffered muc yet, when unable to stand, he frequently preached sittin He finished his course, happy in God, in the month May, 1830, aged eighty years.

2. BLAKELY DOWLING. He was born near Colerain in the county of Antrim, in the year 1765. He soug the Lord in his youth, and through the instrumentality one of the English Preachers was led to an acquaintanc with the salvation of the gospel. He immediately joine the Methodist Society, and uniformly exemplified th power of religion in a blameless life and conversatio In the year 1790 he entered upon the work of the mini try, in which he continued without intermission fo thirty-three years, and preached the gospel of the grac of God with acceptance and success. When no longer abl to sustain the labours of an itinerant Preacher, he settled i the town of Belfast, continuing, however,(for he loved h work) to preach and meet classes as long as he was abl For the last nine months of his life he was wholly con fined to bed, and frequently suffered intense pain; but h was supported in his suffering by the presence of h Saviour, whom he had long loved, and whose truth h had preached for so many years. He was distinguishe by a steady and settled devotedness to God's will, an purity of moral character. Christian simplicity and hu mility adorned his public and private life. In his la hours his prospects of heaven brightened, and with a ho full of immortality, he calmly fell asleep in Jesus. H died as he had lived "an Israelite indeed in whom was n guile."

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are our Preachers STATIONED for the ensuin year?

A. As follows, viz:—

I. The Dublin District.

1	*Dublin,*	William Stewart, Charles Mayne, Samuel Kyle; Thomas Wade Doolittle, Book-Steward; Michael Murphy, William Smith, William Ferguson, Archibald Campbell, Supernumeraries.
2	*Drogheda,*	Andrew Hamilton, jun., William Richey; Patrick Ffrench, John Nash, Supernumeraries.
3	*Wicklow,*	Fossey Tackaberry, John Jebb; Alexander Moore, Supernumerary.

William Stewart, *Chairman of the District.*

II. The Waterford District.

4	*Waterford,*	Samuel Wood, Robert Masaroon.
5	*Carlow,*	John Hadden, John Williams; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
6	*Newtownbarry,*	John Carey, Robert Huston.
7	*Wexford,*	Thomas Lougheed, John Harrington.

Samuel Wood, *Chairman of the District.*

III. The Cork District.

8	*Cork & Cove,*	John Stuart, William Reilly; Daniel Pedlow, Joshua Harman, Supernumeraries.
9	*Bandon,*	David Waugh, John Greer; Andrew Hamilton, sen., George Stephenson, Supernumeraries.
10	*Skibbereen,*	James Patterson, William Mulloy.
11	*Tralee,*	William Crook.

William Reilly, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. The Limerick District.

12	*Limerick,*	Thomas Waugh, James B. Gillman.
13	*Roscrea,*	Richard T. Tracy, Robert Jessop; Francis Russell, Supernumerary.
14	*Parsonstown & Cloughjordan,*	Richard Phillips, William Starkey.

Thomas Waugh, *Chairman of the District.*

V. The Tullamore District.

15 *Tullamore,* James Johnston, Robert Bruce; Jame Sterling, Supernumerary.
16 *Mountrath,* Samuel Downing, Nathaniel Hobart Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
17 *Longford,* George Burrows, John Wiggin Richard Price, Supernumerary.

Robert Bruce, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. The Sligo District.

18 *Sligo,* John Howe, Thomas T. N. Hull.
19 *Castlebar,* John Rogers, Andrew Taylor.
20 *Ballina,* Charles M'Cormick, Robert Hi Lindsay; William M'Cornock, Su pernumerary.

John Howe, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. The Clones District.

21 *Clones,* Henry Deery, John Clendinnen; Jam Stuart, Supernumerary.
22 *Castleblayney,* Edward Hazelton.
23 *Killeshandra and Boyle,* James M'Cutcheon, Edwa Harpur, Joseph Edgerton.
N.B. Brother Harpur is to chan with Brother Edgerton one enti fortnight in every six weeks.
24 *Monaghan,* Edward Johnston, James Henr William Armstrong, sen., Supe numerary.

Henry Deery, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. The Enniskillen District.

25 *Enniskillen,* William Douglas, Robert Beaucham Gustavus Armstrong, Willi Hamilton, Robert Crozier, Supe numeraries.
26 *Brookborough,* John Campbell, John Byrne.
27 *Manorhamilton,* John Nesbitt, Thomas Nesbitt.

William Douglas, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. The Londonderry District.

28 *Londonderry and Strabane*, Claudius Byrne, Daniel M'Afee; James Smith, Castor Clements, Supernumeraries.
29 *Irvinestown*, Archibald Murdoch, Robert Wilson.
30 *Newtownstewart*, James C. Pratt, James Lynch; John M'Arthur, Robert Carson, Supernumeraries.

Archibald Murdoch, *Chairman of the District.*

X. The Belfast District.

31 *Belfast*, Matthew Tobias, John F. Mathews, James Tobias; Thomas Ridgeway, Thomas Brown, Supernumeraries.
32 *Donaghadee*, Thomas Ballard, William Cather.
33 *Dowpatrick & Comber*, George M'Elwain.
34 *Carrickfergus and Larne*, Michael Burrows, William Lupton.
35 *Coleraine*, Samuel Harpur, Thomas Meredith; John Dinnen, Matthew Lanktree, jun., Supernumeraries.
36 *Lisburn*, John Foster, John Hill.
37 *Antrim*, Alexander Mackey, Charles M'Cord.

Matthew Tobias, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. The Newry District.

38 *Newry*, John Nelson, John Holmes.
39 *Dungannon*, Alexander Sturgeon, Robert Strong; Robert Cranston, Supernumerary.
40 *Armagh*, William Keys, William Burnside.
41 *Lurgan*, James Rutledge, Henry Price.
42 *Moira*, William Armstrong.
N.B. Brother Armstrong shall change with the Lurgan Preachers every fifth Sunday.
43 *Tanderagee*, John Waugh, William Kidd; Zachariah Worrell, John Wilson, Supernumeraries.

John Nelson, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS,

With the Districts to which they are respectively attached.

1 *Celbridge & Trim*, Edward Cobain, John S. Wilson; James Bell, Supernumerary.—Dublin District.

2 *Youghal & Fermoy*, James Olliffe, John Feely.—Cork District.

3 *Killaloe & Kilrush*, Arthur Noble, James Sullivan.—Limerick District.

4 *Lawrencetown & Galway*, William Cornwall, William Guard.—Tullamore District.

5 *Ballymoate & Liney*, James Lamb.—Sligo District.

6 *Cavan*, Robert Bailey, Gideon Ouseley, William Foote.—Clones District.
N.B. Brother Ouseley is to spend two months in Munster, two in Connaught, and the remainder of the year in the Province of Ulster.

7 *Donegal*, John Armstrong, Henry Lucy; John C. Irvine, Supernumerary.—Enniskillen District.

8 *Rathmelton & Stranorlar*, John Remmington, John Saul; Francis Armstrong, Supernumerary.

9 *Newtownlimavaddy*, Francis Stephens.—Londonderry District.

10 *Magherafelt*, James Carter, James Hughes.

11 *Ballymena*, Samuel M'Dowell, William Finley.

12 *Bangor*, Matthew Lanktree, sen., who is to reside at Bangor.

13 *Portaferry*, William Hamilton.

14 *Aughadowey*, James Moffit, who is to be under the direction of Brother Harpur, Superintendent of the Coleraine Circuit.—Belfast District.

Q. 7. What is the number of Members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-two thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year amount to five hundred and eleven.

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Five hundred and twenty-six pounds, two shillings and eleven pence.

N.B. Any deficiency in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year shall be considered a deficiency of the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 9. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. One hundred and sixty-three pounds, thirteen shillings and sixpence.

Q. 10. What is the amount of the Collection towards the education of the Preachers' children.

A. Two hundred and ninety-two pounds, three shillings and tenpence.

N.B. For the detail of the number of Members in Society, and the amount of Contributions on each Circuit to our several Funds, see page 18.*

Q. 11. How many wives and children are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-four wives; one hundred and seventy children for maintenance, and eighty-eight for education.

Q. 12. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the Districts, aided by the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz:—

DISTRICTS.	Number in Society.	Amount for support of wives, maintenance, and education of children.	Grant from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin	1663	200 18 11	82 0 0
2 Waterford	896	108 5 4	100 0 0
3 Cork	1861	224 17 5	79 0 0
4 Limerick	930	112 7 6	90 0 0
5 Tullamore	795	96 1 3	132 0 0
6 Sligo	720	87 0 0	62 0 0
7 Clones	1747	211 1 11	222 0 0
8 Enniskillen	2172	262 9 0	202 0 0
9 Londonderry	2864	346 1 4	252 0 0
10 Belfast	3080	372 3 4	187 0 0
11 Newry	3422	413 9 10	292 0 0
	20150	2434 15 10	1700 0 0

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The sum of One thousand seven hundred pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1831, and it has been divided among the respective Districts, according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting their demands, which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

Q. 13. What is the judgment of the Conference in respect to the use of ardent spirits?

A. That we enforce the Rules instituted by the Founder of our Society in the year 1744, which prohibit the "buying or selling of spirituous liquors, or drinking drams, unless in cases of extreme necessity, or when prescribed by a physician." And we cordially approve of the principle of the Societies, lately established, for the encouragement and promotion of Temperance.

Q. 14. What is the opinion of the Conference as to the necessity of exertions for the abolition of Slavery.

A. We fully approve and cordially unite in the sentiments of the following resolution on this subject, passed at the British Conference last year:—"That it shall be earnestly recommended to the members of our Societies throughout the kingdom to unite with their fellow christians of different denominations in any petitions which may be sent to Parliament, having for their object, the carrying into effect those measures, to which the Legislature already stands pledged, for the mitigation and ultimate abolition of the state of Negro Colonial Slavery."

Q. 15. What is the resolution of the Conference respecting the formation of Lending Tract Societies?

A. That we fully approve of the principle of these institutions and earnestly recommend the establishment of such a society in every Circuit and Mission Station in Ireland, and that every Preacher shall exert himself in the ensuing year to carry into operation this simple, but highly beneficial system among our several societies.

The Conference gratefully acknowledge the warm interest manifested on this subject by our kind friend Francis Riggall, Esq., who has visited us from England to promote this object, and recommend it to the brethren to avail themselves of his benevolent assistance.

Q. 16. What is the judgment of the Conference in

reference to young men on trial, and those who may be candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A. That the plan hitherto pursued of preaching a special trial sermon at the end of four years, shall in future be dispensed with; but instead thereof the young men on trial shall each be required to preach a sermon every year at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and that the strictest attention be paid to the following regulations, viz:

1. The Chairmen of our Districts are required not only to examine very minutely in their District Meetings all proposed to travel as Preachers among us, but also to report distinctly in their District Minutes for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings after such examination respecting their health, piety, and moral character, ministerial abilities, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline, and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular incumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any candidate shall state his age and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may forthwith be copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2. The Chairmen of Districts shall at every District Meeting examine every Preacher on trial, respecting the course of theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District a list of the books which he has read since the preceding District Meeting. These lists shall be laid before the meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving to the junior Preachers such advices and directions respecting their studies as may appear to be necessary.

3. Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that meeting respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's Works in general, and especially with his Sermons, and his Notes on the New Testament,

in addition to the other examinations required by our existing rules; and no Preacher shall be so recommended unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the meeting.

N.B. The strictest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every candidate for the ministry amongst us, as no one can be received as a Preacher into our Connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the book of God.

Q. 17. What Chapels are to be built this year?

A. One at Trillick, on the Irvinestown Circuit. One at Doagh, on the Antrim Circuit. One at Rathfriland, on the Newry Circuit. One at Portadown, on the Tanderagee Circuit. One at Lucan, on the Celbridge Mission. One at Donegal, on the Donegal Mission. One at Rathmullen, on the Rathmelton and Stranorlar Mission. One at Newtownlimavaddy, on the Newtownlimavaddy Mission.

N.B. The Chapel at Rathmullen is to be built under the direction of Brother Saul.

Q. 18. Who are the Chapel Committee, without whose previous consent obtained in writing, no chapel, whether large or small, is to be erected, purchased, or enlarged, during the ensuing year?

A. The Preachers of the Dublin Circuit, with Messrs. William Kent, Arthur Williams, James Deale, and Arthur Jones.—Charles Mayne is Secretary to this Committee.

Q. 19. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun. William Smith, William Ferguson, Matthew Tobias, John Stuart, Alexander Sturgeon, Archibald Murdoch, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, David Waugh, Samuel Harpur, Thomas Waugh, Richard Phillips, Thomas W. Doolittle, together with the regular Preachers of Dublin.

Q. 20. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to meet in Belfast to review the concerns of our Missions previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, David Waugh, John Hadden, Wm. Crook, Samuel Harpur, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John F. Mathews, together

with the following thirteen gentlemen:—William M'Connell, John M'Connell, Joseph Young, *Belfast;* Archibald M'Elwain, *Coleraine;* James Boyd, *Larne;* John A. White, *Antrim;* Robert Cherry, *Glasslough;* Thomas Shillington, *Portadown;* John Johnston, *Lurgan;* John Herron, *Lisburn;* Hugh Copeland, *Enniskillen;* Christopher Hamilton, J. O. Bonsall, *Dublin.*

N.B. The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable, and the monies raised shall be transmitted to the General Treasurer the first weeks in December, March, and June. Also the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 21. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Crook, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Alexander Mackey, Richard T. Tracy, John F. Mathews, Secretary to the Committee, together with eleven brethren, not travelling Preachers, who shall be elected, one in each District. The brethren, not travelling Preachers, who may be members of the Chapel Fund Committee, shall be annually chosen from each Circuit in the Districts alternately.

Q. 22. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our several Funds?

A. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer; William Reilly, Secretary of the Contingent Fund. William Ferguson, Alexander Sturgeon, Treasurers; Robert Masaroon, Secretary of the Auxiliary and Legalized Funds. Thomas Edwards, General Treasurer of the Mission Fund.

Q. 23. What measures can we adopt for the increase of spiritual religion amongst our societies and congregations and for the extension of the work of God in our native country?

A. The regulations printed in our Minutes of 1821, commencing at page 22,* chiefly adopted from the British

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Minutes of the preceding year, are earnestly recommended to the frequent perusal of every Preacher in the Connexion; and we again direct that they be read by every Chairman, at his District Meeting in August, and be made the subject of conversation among the brethren, and that the faithful observance of these excellent regulations be matter of serious investigation at the District Meetings in May; the result to be entered in the District Minute Book, to be forthcoming at the Conference.

The Conference most earnestly inculcate the uniform and conscientious observance of all our rules of discipline, and urge a particular attention to Watch Nights, private and public Bands, and quarterly days of special humiliation, fasting and prayer, and solicit peculiar attention to the annual Pastoral Address appended to these Minutes.

Q. 24. What directions shall be given respecting the Book Stock on the different Circuits?

A. It having appeared to the Conference that the Book Stock, although comprising some very valuable publications, has, in some particulars, sustained considerable injury, by remaining long on hands, the Preachers are directed to exert themselves to the utmost to dispose of the entire in the course of the ensuing year, making such reductions in the prices as may be found necessary to accomplish the sale of the whole.

Q. 25. What can be done to promote accuracy and uniformity in the proceedings of our District Committees?

A. The Secretary of the Conference is directed, in conjunction with the Dublin Preachers, to prepare a list of the questions which relate to the proper business of such Committees, and forward it to the Chairmen previously to our next Annual District Meetings. And it is ordered that every District Committee have a book, wherein its proceedings both in May and August, shall be regularly inserted, which District Book the Chairman shall be required to produce, with the Circuit Schedules, at the Chairmen's Meeting, immediately before the Conference?

Q. 26. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in August?

Q. 27. When shall the District Meetings preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 28. Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh. T. W. Doolittle, our Book-Steward, attends in behalf of our book concern.

Q. 29. When and where shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Belfast as follows, viz:—The Stationing Committee on Wednesday and Thursday, 29th, 30th of June. The Committee of Chairmen on Friday, July 1st. The Chapel Fund Committee, Saturday, July 2nd. The Missionary Committee, Monday, July 4th. The Book Committee, Tuesday, July 5th.

Brother John F. Mathews, our Sub-Secretary, is directed to attend the meetings of the several Committees, in order to facilitate the business of Conference.

N.B. The above Committees are to meet on the days appointed, at ten o'clock each morning.

Q. 30. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Belfast on the first Wednesday in July, 1831.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

JAMES TOWNLEY, *President.*
WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 16th, 1830.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.

	£	s.	d.
To Grant from the British Contingent Fund	600	0	0
„ „ from the Auxiliary Fund ...	250	0	0
„ Amount of Yearly Collection	526	2	11
„ Donation from James Hill, Esq. per Rev. A. Hamilton	90	0	0
„ Mrs Sheil's Bequest	4	4	2
„ Miss Church's do.	13	16	11
„ Balance from Missionary Grant ...	198	6	6
Balance	142	7	11
	£1825	18	5

Per Contra. Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Allowance to the Districts to meet the demands on ditto	1741	0	0
„ Amount of Grass Bill	24	0	0
„ Limerick Annuity	60	18	5
	£1825	18	5

N.B. The following sums have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Preachers' Legalized Fund—

Subscription from James Hill, Esq. 10 0 0

Mrs. Deaves's Legacy 11 8 0

CIRCUITS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1 Dublin	1051	101	2	6	48	0	0	30	10	0	27	10	6
2 Drogheda	363	16	10	0	10	6	4	1	11	0	4	6	4
3 Wicklow	249	10	10	0	7	0	0	1	5	0	4	6	10
4 Waterford	192	26	0	0	9	3	6	7	0	0	13	5	0
5 Carlow	240	11	14	0	4	9	8	1	12	0	4	2	7
6 Newtownbarry	260	7	11	0	3	5	10	1	1	0	4	2	0
7 Wexford	204	8	2	0	5	0	0	2	5	0	6	15	0
8 Kilkenny	159	3	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	16	3
9 Cork and Cove	599	52	7	6	14	10	0	19	2	6	21	0	0
10 Bandon	616	24	0	0	15	0	0	13	18	6	13	0	0
11 Skibbereen	410	7	13	0	2	8	3	1	1	0	3	8	2
12 Tralee	159	12	13	6	2	4	7	1	10	0	4	0	0
13 Limerick	455	13	4	2	5	11	1	5	15	0	17	16	9
14 Roscrea	239	9	8	4	5	1	5	3	5	0	6	12	0
15 Cloughjordan	136	4	12	0	1	15	6	1	1	0	1	13	0
16 Tullamore	153	7	7	9	3	17	7	1	5	0	7	0	0
17 Mountrath	407	7	14	0	6	0	0	1	5	0	2	12	8
18 Longford	176	4	10	3	1	19	10	1	1	0	1	6	10
19 Sligo	378	10	0	0	5	4	2	2	15	6	6	4	2
20 Castlebar	128	9	0	0	3	4	3	2	7	0	2	19	0

CIRCUITS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
21 Ballina	214	6	0	0	1	18	5	1	1	0	1	2	6
22 Clones	460	4	0	0	3	6	4	1	1	0	3	15	0
23 Castleblayney	160	1	10	0	1	0	6	1	1	0	2	0	0
24 Killeshandra and Boyle	575	6	10	6	3	1	6	1	1	0	1	5	0
25 Monaghan	552	5	1	6	2	4	2	1	1	0	1	11	4
26 Enniskillen	767	5	16	2	2	16	3	1	1	0	4	0	0
27 Brookborough	765	5	10	0	2	10	0	1	1	0	1	2	0
28 Manorhamilton	640	5	12	6	1	6	0	1	1	0	0	12	6
29 Londonderry and Strabane	496	8	9	2	9	14	6	1	1	0	2	19	3
30 Irvinestown	1270	6	15	0	1	7	6	1	1	0		...	
31 Newtownstewart	1098	7	10	0	3	4	6	1	5	0	3	10	0
32 Belfast	747	22	8	6	23	6	6	10	3	0	22	7	0
33 Donaghadee	314	5	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	3	15	0
34 Downpatrick	235	3	7	1	3	13	7	1	1	0	1	11	3
35 Carrickfergus and Larne	461	7	8	6	8	10	9	2	18	0	6	19	3
36 Coleraine	590	5	16	6	5	0	0	2	17	6	6	0	0
37 Lisburn	607	4	10	0	8	1	0	3	0	0	4	13	4
38 Newry	326	4	12	6	3	12	6	1	5	0	4	12	0
39 Dungannon	515	4	14	0	5	11	6	2	1	6	8	16	0
	590	7	5	0	5	14	6	1	8	0	5	7	0

MISSION STATIONS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.	Education Collection Fund.	Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.	Chapel Fund.
		£ s. d.	£ s d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 Celbridge and Trim	140	2 10 0	...	4 0 0	1 3 0
2 Carbery	77	0 15 4	...	1 1 0	1 0 0
3 Youghal and Fermoy	198	8 14 2	3 5 1	1 10 0	3 10 8
4 Killaloe, Kilrush and Tarbert	87	2 4 0	1 18 5	1 12 6	1 16 6
5 Lawrencetown and Galway	106	3 1 0	2 5 0	1 1 0	2 14 0
6 Ballymoate and Liney	80	1 10 0	0 18 0	1 1 0	1 0 0
7 Cavan	324	4 10 10	2 0 0	1 1 0	1 7 6
8 Donegal	630	2 2 6	1 13 0	1 1 0	1 12 0
9 Rathmelton and Stranorlar	258	1 18 4	0 9 8	1 3 6	1 11 2
10 Newtownlimavaddy	85	1 1 0	1 0 0	1 1 0	0 15 0
11 Magherafelt	519	3 1 6	1 10 0	1 1 0	2 3 9
12 Ballymena	232	1 12 4	1 5 6	1 1 0	1 6 0
13 Antrim	140	2 2 0	2 1 0	1 4 0	3 5 0
14 Portaferry and Killough	74	1 0 0	...	1 1 0	0 13 0
	22897	526 2 11	292 3 10	163 13 6	284 19 7

The Annual Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very Dear Fathers and Brethren,

"We are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, beloved in the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth;" whereunto we also have been "called by the gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ:" and also, that our beloved Societies stand fast, and hold the divine truths which they have been taught by the word of God, through the ministry of our venerable Founder, and the Fathers of Methodism.

The assurances of your affection for us, and the annual pledges of our unity in faith and love, expressed in your addresses, which we have received with the most cordial feelings, tend very much to comfort our hearts, and to establish us in every good word and work: and we trust that by our mutual prayers, "the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified" among us, "even as it is with you."

The progress of the gospel in England, and in your Foreign Missions, fills us with joy on your behalf, and though the same prosperity does not mark our labours, we know that you can well understand the various causes which obstruct the work of the Lord in Ireland. There is a "mystery of iniquity," whose "coming is after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders," which "doth work:" but the Lord shall "consume it with the Spirit of his mouth; and shall destroy it with the brightness of his coming."

The political contentions during the past year, the violence of false zeal on the one hand, and of intolerant superstition on the other, have had their effects in various forms. Conflicting feelings have been excited; and in their operation the real interests of pure and undefiled religion have been injured. However, we feel thankful

that in the name of the Lord Jesus, our people, in general, did withdraw themselves from those who walked disorderly, and not after the teaching of Christ. You have had your obstructions and causes of anxiety, but God has given unto you peace among yourselves; and we are confident that "the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly;" and in His time, "the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." Then "they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Our Irish Missionaries, occupying some of the darkest and most barren parts of this island, are still active, laborious, and, in several places, successful. The addition of three more Missionaries for Ireland, appointed by the Committee in London, has constrained us to give thanks and take courage.

The exertions of our beloved people in raising Missionary subscriptions, and making collections, have been considerably increased beyond any former year. The Missionary Meetings also, held in those places which your laborious and faithful deputations visited, were numerously and respectably attended. We are also happy to assure you, that the services of your deputations were much owned of God, and gratefully acknowledged by all who attended them; and we are persuaded that those annual Missionary visitations must be of great and lasting benefit to Ireland.

It is with increased satisfaction we have to state, that our Mission Schools are in progress. There are nineteen schools in which are one thousand, three hundred and seventy-nine children: of these, six hundred read the Holy Scriptures. There are also fifteen Sunday Schools, in which there are about one thousand children. Of the fidelity, wisdom, and labours of your excellent Superintendent of Mission Schools, the Rev. Thomas Edwards, we cannot speak too highly. His ministry, as well as his parental attention to the schools, has endeared him to us; and we expect and desire that we may be favoured with his continuance *amongst us*.

The labours and communications of your worthy and intelligent Missionary Secretary, the Rev. George Morley, both in our preparatory Committees and in our Conference, were highly acceptable and interesting; and it is our earnest desire and hope, that we may be favoured from year to year, with the visits of your Missionary Secretaries.

The long-felt affliction and privations of the Irish Preachers, occasioned by yearly taxations to meet the necessary demands of our general work, and to pay the interest of the heavy debt of our Irish Connexion, have, we hope, nearly come to an end. Our adoption of your judicious economy in our Circuits has tended much to our relief.

At our last Conference in Dublin, the subject of the debt of the Irish Conference came fully under consideration; in which we were aided by the counsels and encouragement of our excellent President, the Rev. John Stephens, and his esteemed colleague, the Rev. John James, who entered into our circumstances with the kindest feelings. In order to liquidate the debt, it was resolved, that each Preacher in Ireland, regular or supernumerary, should be required to contribute ten pounds, and that application should be made to our generous people and friends, to enable us to raise, at least, the sum of eight thousand pounds. In this struggle God has been evidently and graciously with us. Some of the Preachers subscribed considerably more than the sum of ten pounds; and our friends have displayed a generous liberality, "to their power," we "bear record, yea, and beyond their power," which filled our hearts with gladness. One gentleman subscribed 500*l.*; several 100*l.*; others 50*l.*, 40*l.*, 30*l.*, 20*l.*, 10*l.*, 5*l.*, 3*l.*, 2*l.*, 1*l.*, and even the widow's mite was cast into the Lord's treasury. To God be all the glory. The subscriptions of the Preachers amount to 1,720*l.*; those of the friends to 5,323*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; making in the whole, 7,103*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

The kind and generous interest excited in your Conference, on mention being made of our intended exertions, as stated in the letter of our worthy Representatives, has been recorded in our hearts.

During the past year, it has pleased the Lord to take

unto himself the souls of two of our brethren, James Irwin, a man of forty years' standing among us, whose humble piety, godly simplicity, and faithful labours, were crowned with a triumphant end; and William Pollock, a young man, whose health was injured by sleeping in a damp bed, while on the Irish Mission. During his labours with us, he was deeply devoted to God, acceptable and useful.

We see and feel that time is short. The second race of Preachers are either superannuated, or have entered into their eternal rest. We are instructed by these things; for there is but a step between us and death! We trust however, that while we sojourn here, we shall so let "our conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ," that we shall not be ashamed: but that with all boldness, as always, so now also, Christ shall be magnified in our bodies whether it be by life or by death. For to us to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

But, Fathers and Brethren, how shall we express our thanks for the benefit which has abounded to us during this Conference in the labours and counsels of our excellent and beloved President, the Rev. Jabez Bunting; as also of his excellent colleague, the Rev. Robert Newton, your Secretary? Our hearts and our prayers follow them; and when you shall have assembled at your approaching Conference, still will we bear them on our hearts; for they have been "fellow-helpers concerning you;" and to us, as the messengers of the churches, they have been "the glory of Christ."

We send as our Representatives to your Conference, our beloved and highly confidential brethren, the Rev. Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, and Thomas Waugh.

Finally, Fathers and Brethren, we pray for you "that our God would fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power; that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Cork, July 14, 1829

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address of the Irish Conference.

Very Dear Brethren,

The assurance of your cordial affection towards us, and your steady adherence to the truth as it is in Jesus, and to each other, have been occasions of our thanksgiving to God on your behalf. A long succession of years, and diversified trials and afflictions in the kingdom and patience of Jesus, have afforded sufficient occasions of proving the sincerty of our profession of love to God, and the purity and strength of our christian affection to each other.

Amidst the unsteadiness with which christian principles are held, as exemplified in the speculations and pretended refinements of some who name the name of Christ, and the apostacy of others who have proceeded so far in the career of unbelief as to deny the Lord that bought them, we are bound to give thanks to God on your behalf, beloved brethren, that nothing has induced you to swerve from the purity and simplicity of those truly evangelical doctrines, which our Fathers derived from the Scriptures, and transmitted to us; doctrines which have been signally owned of God in the awakening of myriads of sinners from their deadly slumbers, introducing them into the glorious liberty of the children of God, establishing them in their most holy faith, and conducting them into the inheritance of the saints in light.

Whilst we rejoice in your stability, in the uprightness and purity of your life and conversation, and in the maintenance of that salutary discipline which is essential to your prosperity, we cannot withhold the expression of our admiration of your attachment to our common cause; an attachment by which you have been induced, through a series of years, with unyielding firmness, to pass through difficulties and discouragements of the most painful nature. We congratulate you as having at length, by the unparalleled exertions which you have made among yourselves, aided by the munificent contributions of the members of your Societies, nearly achieved a deliverance from

ecuniary embarrassment, and set an example of zeal and iberality, in circumstances of deep poverty, worthy of eing handed down to posterity.

The interesting and important sphere of action in which he providence of God has placed you, has attracted the nost anxious solicitude, and engaged in its behalf the arnest prayers of all those in this country who are con-erned in dissipating the mists of error and superstition, which "the man of sin," by his enchantments and lying wonders, has thrown over myriads of your countrymen. Inadequate have been the efforts of human legislation ntirely to allay the irritation of Ireland, and still more o to reach the source of the moral disease by which it as long been afflicted. It is by its spiritual renovation hat its most important interests are to be promoted. This lone can subject the energetic and buoyant spirit of its inhabitants to the salutary authority of human government, nd convert into instruments of political and religious tility, those powers which otherwise will be mischievous nd destructive. We cannot but admire how effectually he providence of God is affording facilities for the advance-nent of his spiritual kingdom in the hearts and lives of hose to whom the gospel of God is sent in all its sim-licity and power, the only sufficient remedy for all the vils which have so long harassed and afflicted your in-eresting country. We highly commend the prudence which you have manifested, in abstaining from conflicts f a political nature, whilst you have been prompt in iving amplitude to your plans of usefulness, as Providence rom time to time has afforded you opportunity. It is rith grateful satisfaction we notice, how well adapted are he combined operations of your different institutions, to uild up and establish the church of Christ in your long-stablished Circuits and Societies; and to promote the piritual interests of thousands, whom your regular ministry s not able to reach.

As the year which has passed away has been to your ountry a season of political agitation and anxiety, so to s its occurrences have not been devoid of interest. The nprincipled attacks of enemies, or the misguided opposition f friends, who have been misled by the artifices of the

disaffected, have occasioned us, in three or four of our Circuits, some painful feeling; pressed as we have been on the one hand, with the sense of the importance of maintaining inviolate those parts of our well-tried discipline which are essential to the peace and happiness of our Societies; and on the other, with a deep concern at the peril to which those have exposed themselves, who, hearkening to the voice of strangers, have forced themselves out of the fold and pasture in which they had been nourished and protected. It will, however, afford you pleasure to hear, that through honor and dishonor, through evil report and good report, we have endeavoured with fidelity to discharge the functions of our sacred office; and now, being permitted once more, by the good-will of God, to see each other's faces at our annual Conference, we are recompensed for all our cares and labours, by experiencing among ourselves an unusual degree of harmony and love; and by receiving more efficient assistance, both in counsel and co-operation, from many of our most respectable lay brethren, especially in regard to plans for giving effectual and permanent relief to the most necessitous cases of chapels throughout the kingdom. We cannot, without ingratitude omit to state, that though the increase of members in our Societies at home is not equal to what it has been in some former years; yet, the increase of members on our Foreign Stations has been greater than that of any previous year.

We have, with you, the painful task of recording the removal of some of our brethren in the ministry. The number of Preachers who have died during the year, at home and abroad, is twenty-three. It is, however, with feelings of hallowed satisfaction, that we believe, "these all died in faith." They were able to testify to the last, that the religion which had been the business of their lives to preach to others, was of efficacy sufficient to support and cheer them in their final hour. We have also to add, to the praise of the glory of Him "who holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, and who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks," that as some of the lamps of the sanctuary are extinguished, others are kindled up, whose brilliancy is not likely to be inferior to that of those *who have* passed into the heavenly temple.

The wisdom of your choice of the persons to represent you in our Conference is sufficiently evident in the ability and integrity which have long characterised your excellent Representatives, the Rev. Messrs. Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, and Thomas Waugh; brethren whom we greatly love for their work's sake, and whose character has long been high in our estimation for wisdom and piety, and in that of our Societies, for the usefulness of their public ministrations. We have appointed our highly esteemed President, the Rev. Dr. Townley, with the Rev. John James, to attend your next Conference. And we have also deputed our brethren, the Rev. Messrs. John Anderson and Elijah Hoole, to attend the meetings of your Missionary Societies in the North of Ireland the ensuing year; and the Rev. Messrs. George Marsden and Joseph Taylor to attend those in the South. These appointments we are persuaded will be acceptable to you; and we doubt not but their labours will greatly tend to advance the spiritual interests of your Societies, and to promote the glory of God in extending the kingdom of the Redeemer.

Finally, we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye still stand fast in the Lord, endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Let the great principles of the common faith which have made us one in judgment, and the influences of the Holy Spirit which have united us to God, and made us one in heart, continue to have a distinct and prominent recognition in the exercise of our sacred functions; let that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord, be cultivated with the utmost diligence, whilst we urge it upon the people of our charge with becoming fervour of spirit, as the great end of all our ministrations; and let us provoke one another to love and to good works, employing every faculty we possess, improving every opportunity which offers, to advance the great and important interests for which we are set apart: so shall we both save our own souls and them that hear us; and when the chief Shepherd shall appear, we shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINDROD, } Sub-Secretaries.
JOHN ANDERSON, }

Sheffield, August 11, 1829.

The Annual Address of the Conference, to the Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Societies in Ireland.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

Various and important concerns have occupied our attention during the present Conference, embracing the character of our ministry, its influence on the work of God, together with our attachment to "the form of sound words," derived to us from the sacred oracles. While anxiously contemplating such measures as may tend to the more general diffusion of gospel light and knowledge, we have turned our affectionate attention to you, our dear people, rendered increasingly dear by your cordial and steady attachment to our ministry, and that system of doctrine and discipline which has been so remarkably and extensively acknowledged of God, for nearly a century.

For a few years past the peculiar circumstances of Ireland, have attracted the notice, and excited the sympathies of many benevolent individuals, both in this and the sister country; laudable efforts have been made, and institutions formed, which are liberally supported, tending to elevate the native character, by the scriptural education of youth, and the propagation of the gospel of God our Saviour in the Irish language to those who, in this country would, perhaps, not receive it through any other medium:—you are, however, aware, that through much difficulty and opposition, the gospel has been preached in this language to the native Irish for eighty years past, by the Ministers of our body. The venerable Walsh, (who died in hoary youth,) eloquently and effectively preached in the Irish tongue; forty years since, the indefatigable Graham was appointed by the Rev. John Wesley, to preach in Irish; and several of our Missionaries continue to the present day to call sinners to repentance, through the same medium. During the present Conference, sermons were preached in Irish in our two largest Chapels *in this city.*

We cannot but advert to the extraordinary effort of last year, in which, by the blessing of God on the united energies of our whole connexion in Ireland, together with the affectionate aid of our kind friends in England, we have been enabled to throw off the heavy burthen of debt, which had been accumulating, and caused the most painful embarrassment for many years. We are glad to say that measures are in progress, with our English brethren, in respect to our book affairs, which we hope will terminate in the improvement of our interests in this department. The establishment of Lending Libraries came under the consideration of Conference; the results of their introduction in some places are truly gratifying; and from the most mature deliberation, and a conviction that the increase of religious knowledge is of great importance to the profitable hearing of the word of God, and the formation and stability of religious character, we cordially recommend the adoption of such Libraries, wherever practicable.

We are fully persuaded, that with us you will hail every institution likely to serve the moral interests of our country. The Temperance Society, which originated in its present form in the United States of America, we regard in this light, and are glad to find it warmly advocated by many, both of the clergy and laity. The principles of these societies form an essential part of the Rules of our Connexion, first published in the year 1739, which forbid "drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors, or drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity." And again, in the directions for Band Societies, 1744, the members are not "to taste spirituous liquors, no dram of any kind, unless prescribed by a physician." Conscientious adherence to these rules will fully secure you from an evil so destructively prevalent throughout Ireland.

We have long deplored the apathy which prevails in this country, on the subject of negro slavery, and were much gratified that a meeting of the Negro's Friend Society was held during our Conference in this city, to which, by the special request of their Secretary, a deputation of our body was sent to assist at the meeting. A

Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise u
salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." advise, also, an intimate acquaintance with the Works Mr. Wesley, especially his Sermons, and Notes on New Testament, and recommend the Wesleyan Catech and Child's Magazine to be placed in the hands of your children. We hope our valuable Magazine Youth's Instructer shall obtain a wider circulati Through these and such mediums, your attention frequently be called to those vital doctrines which h been taught among us from the beginning. The kn ledge of salvation through the remission of sins, witness of the Spirit, and entire sanctification, believe to be your privileges. See, then, that you not satisfied without the enjoyment of them. To relative duties of your several conditions in life, earnestly entreat your attention. Beware of encourag or contracting matrimonial connexions with the irreligi and immoral.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Avoic parties of pleasure, and unnecessary visiting; and let sacred day be filled up by devout attention to the du of the closet and the family, useful reading, &c. " forsaking the assembling of yourselves together" (in house of God) "as the manner of some is; and so m the more as you see the day approaching." We bes you maintain a consistency of religious character in article of dress. Read Mr. Wesley's Sermon on the s ject. Imitate the first race of our people in self-de early rising, redeeming the time because the days few and evil. The invaluable privilege of chris fellowship, in our Class-meetings, so peculiar to Society, will, we trust, be duly and religiously appreci Let the dying love of our blessed Saviour, which sh never be forgotten, be ever kept in mind, and duly memorated according to his holy institution and le appointed fasts, the public week-day religious ser and the indispensable duties of family and pr prayer be constantly and conscientiously attende Then shall we not be ashamed, when we have re *unto* all the Lord's testimonies.

Cultivate intercourse with God, and deep devotional habits, that thus you may "go on unto perfection, and be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JAMES TOWNLEY, *President.*
WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 16th, 1830.

BELFAST, Wednesday, July 6, 1831.

Q. 1. What Preachers are ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. Daniel M'Afee, Robert Hill Lindsay, Robert Jessop, Henry Lucy.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. Frederick Philip Le Maitre, Thomas Meredith, John Williams, Edward Harpur, William Lupton.

These have travelled three years.

James Tobias, Robert Huston, William Cather, William Mulloy.

These have travelled two years.

John Byrne, William Starkey, William Burnside, James Hughes, Thomas Nesbitt.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers are now RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

A. William Hoey, Samuel Jones, Robert Bamford, William Graham Campbell.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since the last Conference?

A. 1. JAMES SMITH. Early in life, by means of the Methodist ministry, he experienced the gospel of Christ to be the power of God to his salvation. In 1792, he was called to travel in our Connexion; and laboured with diligence and fidelity. In 1820, through declining health, he became a supernumerary, and settled in Strabane. His last illness, which was severe, arising in the first instance from paralysis and ending in apoplexy, deeply depressed his spirits; yet he retained his peace of mind and hope in God. He died November 17th, 1830.

2. JAMES STUART. He was a native of Enniskillen. In his youth he removed to Dublin, where he was brought to the knowledge of the truth by the ministry of Messrs. James Rogers and Peacock. He soon began to call sinners to repentance, and was made particularly useful to the military in that city. In 1792, he was appointed to the Ballyconnell circuit, and with the exception of one year, continued to travel and labour with great faithfulness, till the Conference of 1830, when he became a supernumerary. He was a man of deep piety, and had a happy talent for introducing the most useful subjects in his conversation, and left an impression favourable to his character, as a christian and a minister, wherever he went. His sermons were plain, practical, and useful, and generally acceptable. His attention to every part of our discipline was regular and persevering. In his friendships he was discriminating, warm and steady. During a protracted affliction he gave full evidence that he possessed the salvation of that gospel which he had preached to others. He died in the full triumph of faith, March 28th, 1831, in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

3. ROBERT STRONG. Early in life he was brought to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and having obtained the comforts of the Holy Spirit, he was moved thereby to testify to others the things which he had known and felt. In the year 1802, he was called into the ministry and continued to labour diligently, faithfully, and usefully until his last sickness. He was truly pious, kind, and gentle; and trusting in God, in death every fear was

swallowed up in victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. He died in the fifty-third year of his age, and the twenty-ninth year of his ministry.

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are our Preachers STATIONED for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz.

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	Thomas Waugh, Charles Mayne, Robert Jessop; Michael Murphy, William Smith, William Ferguson, John Stuart, Archibald Campbell, Supernumeraries.
2	*Drogheda,*	Robert Bruce, William Richey; Patrick Ffrench, Supernumerary.
3	*Wicklow,*	Fossey Tackaberry, John Wiggins; Alexander Moore, Supernumerary.

CHARLES MAYNE, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

4	*Waterford,*	Samuel Wood, Robert Masaroon.
5	*Carlow,*	Richard T. Tracy, Robert Huston; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
6	*Newtownbarry,*	John Carey, John Williams, John Clendinnen, Supernumerary.
7	*Wexford,*	Thomas Lougheed, Samuel Kyle.

SAMUEL WOOD, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

8	*Cork and Cove,*	Thomas Wade Doolittle, William Reilly; Daniel Pedlow, Joshua Harman, Supernumeraries.
9	*Bandon,*	David Waugh, Samuel Jones; Andrew Hamilton, sen., George Stephenson, Supernumeraries.
10	*Skibbereen,*	James Patterson, John Saul.
11	*Tralee,*	William Crook.

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Chairman* of the District.

IV. The Limerick District.

12	*Limerick,*	William Stewart, James B. Gillman.
13	*Roscrea,*	Andrew Hamilton, jun. John Harrington; Francis Russell, Supernumerary.
14	*Parsonstown & Cloughjordan,*	Charles M'Cormick, Edward Harpur.

William Stewart, *Chairman of the District.*

V. The Tullamore District.

15	*Tullamore,*	James Johnston, John Hadden; James Sterling, Supernumerary.
16	*Mountrath,*	Samuel Downing, Nathaniel Hobart; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
17	*Longford,*	George Burrows, George M'Elwain; Richard Price, Supernumerary.

John Hadden, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. The Sligo District.

18	*Sligo,*	John Howe, Thomas T. N. Hull.
19	*Castlebar,*	Richard Phillips, John Jebb; Andrew Taylor, Supernumerary.
20	*Ballina,*	John Rogers, William Starkey; William M'Cornock, Supernumerary.

John Howe, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. The Clones District.

21	*Clones,*	James Carter, Thomas Meredith.
22	*Castleblayney,*	Joseph Edgerton.
23	*Killeshandra,*	James M'Cutcheon, William Graham Campbell.
24	*Boyle,*	Archibald Murdoch.
25	*Monaghan,*	Henry Deery, James Henry; William Armstrong, sen. Supernumerary.

Henry Deery, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. The Enniskillen District.

26	*Enniskillen,*	John Nesbitt, Thomas Nesbitt; Gustavus Armstrong, William Hamilton, sen., Robert Crozier, Supernumeraries.

27 *Brookborough*, William Kidd, John Byrne.
28 *Manorhamilton*, Robert Beauchamp, William Burnside.

WILLIAM KIDD, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT

29 *Londonderry*, Daniel M'Afee, Frederick Phi'ip Le Maitre.
30 *Strabane*, James Lynch; Castor Clements, Supernumerary.
31 *Irvinestown*, William Douglas, William Finley.
32 *Omagh*, James C. Pratt, John Campbell; John M'Arthur, Robert Carson, Robert Wilson, Supernumeraries.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

33 *Belfast*, Matthew Tobias, John F. Mathews, John Greer; Thomas Ridgeway, Thomas Brown, Supernumeraries.
34 *Donaghadee*, Samuel Harpur, John Waugh.
35 *Downpatrick and Comber*, Thomas Ballard.
36 *Carrickfergus and Larne*, Michael Burrows, William Lupton.
37 *Coleraine*, John Nelson, James Tobias; John Dinnen, Matthew Lanktree, jun., Supernumeraries.
38 *Lisburn*, John Foster, John Hill.
39 *Antrim*, Alexander Mackey, Charles M'Cord.

MATTHEW TOBIAS, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

40 *Newry*, Edward Johnston, John Holmes.
41 *Dungannon*, Alexander Sturgeon, Claudius Byrne; Robert Cranston, Supernumerary.
42 *Armagh*, William Keys, William Cather.
43 *Lurgan*, James Rutledge, Henry Price.

44 *Moira*, William Armstrong.
N.B. Brother Armstrong shall change with the Lurgan Preachers every fifth Sunday.
45 *Tanderagee*, Edward Hazelton, John Nash; Zachariah Worrell, John Wilson, Supernumeraries.

ALEXANDER STURGEON, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS,
with the Districts to which they are respectively attached.

1 *Celbridge & Trim*, Edward Cobain, Gideon Ouseley; James Bell, Supernumerary.—Dublin District.
2 *County Waterford*, James Sullivan.—Waterford District.
3 *Youghal & Fermoy*, James Olliffe, John Feely.
4 *Killarney & Kenmare*, William Mulloy.—Cork District.
5 *Killaloe & Ennis*, Arthur Noble.
6 *Tarbert & Kilrush*, Henry Lucy.—Limerick District.
7 *Galway & Banagher*, William Cornwall, William Guard.—Tullamore District.
8 *Ballymoate & Liney*, James Lamb.—Sligo District.
9 *Cavan*, Robert Bailey, William Foote.—Clones District.
10 *Donegal*, John Armstrong, Robert Bamford; John C. Irvine, Supernumerary.—Enniskillen District.
11 *Rathmelton & Stranorlar*, Francis Stephens, John S. Wilson; Francis Armstrong, Supernumerary.—Londonderry District.
12 *Newtownlimavaddy & Aughadoey*, William Hamilton, jun., William Hoey.
13 *Magherafelt*, John Remmington, James Hughes.
14 *Ballymena*, Samuel M'Dowell.
15 *Bangor & Portaferry*, Matthew Lanktree, sen.
16 *Barony of Lecale*, Robert Hill Lindsay.—Belfast District.

Q. 7. What is the number of members in our Societies?
A. Twenty-two thousand four hundred and seventy.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year amount to one thousand and twenty-seven, viz:—

From the Dublin District . .	41
Do. Waterford, do. . . .	51
Do. Cork, do. . . .	153
Do. Limerick, do. . . .	53
Do. Tullamore, do. . . .	21
Do. Sligo, do. . . .	75
Do. Clones, do. . . .	121
Do. Enniskillen, do. . . .	81
Do. Londonderry do. . . .	81
Do. Belfast, do. . . .	66
Do. Newry, do. . . .	116
Do. The Mission Stations . .	168
Total	1027

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Five hundred and thirty-two pounds, eleven shillings and fivepence.

N.B. Any deficiency in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year shall be considered a deficiency of the circuit where it may occur.

Q. 9. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. One hundred and sixty-two pounds, four shillings and sixpence.

Q. 10. What is the amount of the collection towards the Education of the Preachers' children?

A. Two hundred and ninety-two pounds, three shillings and threepence.

N.B. For the detail of the numbers of members in Society, and the amount of contributions on each circuit to our several Funds, see page 18.*

Q. 11. How many wives and children are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-three wives, one hundred and sixty-nine children for maintenance, and eighty-seven for education.

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Q. 12. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the Districts, aided by the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz:—

DISTRICTS.	Numbers in Society.	Amount for support of wives, maintenance and education of children.	Grant from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin	1712	£207 17 9	£84 0 0
2 Waterford	954	115 16 10	100 0 0
3 Cork	1679	203 17 6	78 0 0
4 Limerick	1039	126 3 4	97 0 0
5 Tullamore	680	82 11 5	120 0 0
6 Sligo	643	78 1 7	55 0 0
7 Clones	1688	204 19 4	216 0 0
8 Enniskillen	2165	262 17 10	200 0 0
9 Londonderry	2701	327 19 8	270 0 0
10 Belfast	3075	373 7 11	200 0 0
11 Newry	3264	396 6 10	280 0 0
	19600	2380 0 0	1700 0 0

N.B. The sum of One thousand seven hundred pounds, is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1832; and it has been divided among the respective Districts, according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting their demands, which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

Q. 13. What Chapels are to be built this year?

A. One at Skibbereen, on the Skibbereen Circuit; one at Emyvale, on the Monaghan Circuit; one at Oldstone, on the Antrim Circuit.

Q. 14. Who are the Chapel Committee, without whose previous consent obtained in writing, no chapel, whether large or small, is to be erected, purchased or enlarged, during the ensuing year?

A. The Preachers of the Dublin Circuit, with Messrs. William Kent, Arthur Williams, James Deale, and Arthur Jones.—Charles Mayne is Secretary to this Committee.

Q. 15. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to meet in Dublin, to review the concerns of our Missions, previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Matthew

Tobias, William Stewart, David Waugh, John Hadden, James Rutledge, William Keys, Samuel Harpur, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, Robert Bruce, Richard T. Tracy, together with the following thirteen Gentlemen:—Christopher Hamilton, James Deale, *Dublin;* James Whealey, *Drogheda;* Abraham Denny, *Waterford;* James Woods, *Cork;* Henry Cornwall, *Bandon;* John Busteed, *Tralee;* William Kelly, *Mountrath;* John Boyd, *Clones;* John M'Connell, *Belfast;* John Johnston, *Lurgan;* James Boyd, *Larne;* John A. White, *Antrim.*

N.B. The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns, shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable, and the monies raised shall be transmitted to the general Treasurer the first weeks in December, March, and June. Also the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the general Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 16. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, John Howe, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Crook, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, John F. Mathews, Alexander Mackey, Secretary to the Committee, together with eleven brethren (not travelling Preachers), who shall be elected, one in each District. The brethren not travelling Preachers who may be members of the Chapel Fund Committee, shall be annually chosen from each circuit in the District alternately.

Q. 17. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our several Funds?

A. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, William Reilly, Secretary to the Contingent Fund. William Ferguson, Alexander Sturgeon, Treasurers; Robert Masaroon, Secretary of the Auxiliary and Legalized Funds. Elijah Hoole, General Treasurer of the Mission Fund.

Q. 18. What is the continued judgment of the Conference respecting the formation of Lending Tract Societies?

A. That we fully approve of the principle of these institutions, and earnestly recommend the establishment of such a society in every Circuit and Mission [illegible]

Ireland; and that every Preacher shall exert himself in the ensuing year, to carry into operation this simple, but highly beneficial system, among our several societies.

Q. 19. What are the regulations of the Conference, in reference to young men on trial, and those who may be candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A. The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a sermon every year, at their respective District meetings, during the period of their probation; and the strictest attention shall be paid to the following rules, viz:—

1st. The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely in their District meetings, all proposed to travel as preachers among us; but also to report distinctly in their District minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District meetings after such examination respecting their health, piety, and moral character, ministerial abilities, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In the same District minutes, the Preacher who recommends any candidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may forthwith be copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2nd. The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every District meeting, examine every Preacher on trial, respecting the course of theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District a list of the books which he has read since the preceding District meeting. These lists shall be laid before the meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving to the junior preachers, such advices and directions respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd. Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that meeting, respecting his

acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's Works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, in addition to the other examinations required by our existing Rules; and no preacher shall be so recommended, unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the meeting.

N.B. The strictest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every candidate for the ministry amongst us, as no one can be received as a preacher into our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the book of God.

Q. 20. Who are the Auxiliary Fund Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, Andrew Hamilton, jun., William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, John Howe, Samuel Harpur, the Secretary of the Conference, and Sub-Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Fund.

N.B. No application for aid from this Fund can be admitted by the Committee, unless it be recommended by a District meeting, and be regularly entered in the District Minutes.

Q. 21. What can be done to promote the work of God in our Societies?

A. The Conference, after a full conversation on this interesting subject, and deeply impressed with the solemn feelings of that occasion, earnestly recommend that as ministers we should in deep humility, and unreserved devotion, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to God and his work; that we should attend more faithfuly and laboriously than ever to the preaching of the word of life, meeting the classes in the country societies, likewise the societies in the cities, and large towns, visiting our people from house to house, preaching more frequently in the mornings and in the open air, rendering our Leaders' meetings more useful and spiritual, and diligently applying ourselves to the important work of catechising the children of our people, and promoting their spiritual improvement.

The Conference inculcate the uniform and conscientious observance of all our rules of discipline, and urge a particular attention to Watch-nights, Private and Public

Bands, and Quarterly Days of humiliation, fasting and prayer; with a special view that the Head of the Church may pour out His Holy Spirit, that the kingdom of our God and of His Christ may be extended and established by the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers on their most holy faith.

Q. 22. How shall the Yearly Collection Fund be made more productive?

A. Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the circuits, unless the Yearly Collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulations, viz: to make personal application to every individual in all the classes on his circuit, and that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

Q. 23. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in August.

Q. 24. When shall the District Meetings preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 25. Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. William Stewart, Thomas W. Doolittle. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer of the Contingent Fund attends as our Book Agent.

Q. 26. When and where shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Dublin, as follows, viz:—The Stationing Committee, on Friday 30th June; the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund Committee, on Saturday, 1st July; the Committee of Chairmen, on Monday 3rd July; the Missionary Committee, Tuesday 4th July; the Chapel Fund Committee, Wednesday, 5th July.

Brother John F. Mathews, our Sub-Secretary, is directed to attend the meetings of the several Committees, to facilitate the business of the Committees, and of the Conference.

N.B. The above Committees are to meet, on the days appointed, at ten o'clock each morning.

Q. 27. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin on the first Thursday in July, 1832.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

Belfast, 12*th July*, 1831.

GEORGE MORLEY, *President.*
THOS. W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.	£	s.	d.
To Grant from British Contingent Fund ...	600	0	0
To do. from the Auxiliary Fund ...	250	0	0
To amount of Yearly Collection, £532 11s. 5d. and £19 3s. 1d.	551	14	6
To donation from James Hill, Esq., per Rev. A. Hamilton	90	0	0
To balance from Missionary Grant ...	272	19	11
Balance	22	9	8
	£1787	4	1

Per Contra	Cr. £	s	d.
By allowance to the Districts to meet the demands on ditto	1700	0	0
By amount of Grass Bill	23	13	0
By Limerick Annuity	60	18	5
By Official Letters	2	12	8
	£1787	4	1

N.B. The following sums have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Preachers Legalized Fund:—

Subscription from James Hill, Esq. per Rev. A. Hamilton	£10	0	0
Mrs. Deaves's Legacy	11	8	0
From Rev. Dr. Austin, which should have been acknowledged in 1830	5	0	0

GENERAL VIEW

Of the number of Members and Ministers in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the world, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1830.

Members in Great Britain	249,278	
Ditto, Ireland, 1830	22,897	
Ditto, Foreign Stations	41,185	
Total, under the care of the British and Irish Conferences		313,360

Members in the United States, 1829:

Whites	382,679	
Coloured and Blacks ...	62,814	
Indians	2,250	
Total under the care of the U.S. Conference ...		447,743
Total number of Methodists throughout the world, exclusive of Ministers		761,103

Number of Travelling, Supernumerary, and Superannuated Preachers in Great Britain ...		848
Ditto, ditto, in Ireland, 1830		145
Ditto, do. in Foreign Stations		193
Ditto. do. in the American connexion, 1829 ...		1817
Total Ministers		3,003

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, &c. &c. FOR 1831.

CIRCUITS	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.	Education Collection Fund.	Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.	Chapel Fund.	Emigrations during the past year.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1 Dublin	1071	106 3 2	48 1 3	33 10 0	36 10 0	12
2 Drogheda	391	16 10 0	10 0 0	4 15 10	5 4 7	26
3 Wicklow	250	10 10 0	6 14 8	1 15 0	5 0 0	3
4 Waterford	200	26 0 0	10 0 0	6 10 0	13 13 0	0
5 Carlow	247	11 14 0	4 10 0	1 15 0	4 4 6	36
6 Newtownbarry	313	7 11 6	3 6 2	1 1 0	4 6 0	11
7 Wexford	194	8 2 0	5 0 0	2 2 0	5 5 0	4
8 Cork and Cove	578	52 11 10	14 6 7	15 13 6	20 9 8	20
9 Bandon	538	22 8 0	8 17 11	13 8 0	19 7 5	90
10 Skibbereen	445	9 1 4	3 2 6	1 11 0	3 10 2	42
11 Tralee	118	12 13 6	2 10 0	1 1 0	4 5 0	1
12 Limerick	460	15 1 7	5 18 11	5 18 6	17 17 0	13
13 Roscrea	359	10 0 0	4 12 1	3 10 0	7 0 0	22
14 Parsonstown and Cloughjordan	220	6 5 6	2 10 2	1 7 0	2 14 10	18
15 Tullamore	159	7 7 9	3 17 0	2 0 0	4 10 0	0
16 Mountrath	371	8 10 0	6 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 6	13
17 Longford	150	5 2 0	3 0 0	1 2 0	1 12 0	8
18 Sligo	341	10 0 0	5 4 0	2 17 6	5 10 7	25
19 Castlebar	115	9 0 0	3 14 1	1 1 0	3 1 5	6
20 Ballina	187	6 0 0	1 17 9	1 1 0	1 2 6	44

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		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
21 Clones	455	4	0	0	2	9	3	1	5	0	3	0	0	6
22 Castleblayney	178	1	12	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	10
23 Killeshandra and Boyle	510	6	10	6	3	6	0	1	1	0	...			80
24 Monaghan	545	5	1	6	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	12	6	25
25 Enniskillen	750	5	16	2	1	14	6	1	1	0	4	0	0	25
26 Brookborough	765	5	10	0	2	9	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	30
27 Manorhamilton	650	5	12	6	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	2	6	26
28 Londonderry and Strabane	461	8	10	0	14	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	10
29 Irvinestown	1200	6	15	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	19	6	36
30 Newtownstewart	958	7	10	0	3	4	6	1	3	0	2	12	4	35
31 Belfast	760	23	5	0	23	7	0	11	0	0	22	8	0	10
32 Donaghadee	315	5	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	3	16	0	13
33 Downpatrick and Comber	240	3	7	1	1	7	4	1	1	0	1	10	2	2
34 Carrickfergus and Larne	311	5	14	4	5	1	3	1	15	6	4	19	0	7
35 Coleraine	592	5	16	6	5	12	6	2	17	6	6	0	0	24
36 Lisburn	555	4	10	0	7	0	0	2	10	0	4	0	0	6
37 Antrim	320	3	3	0	3	16	9	2	10	0	4	15	6	4
38 Newry	328	4	13	0	4	5	0	1	6	0	4	13	0	7
39 Dungannon	479	4	14	0	2	16	2	1	10	0	5	5	8	37
40 Armagh	560	7	5	0	7	9	3	1	3	6	4	15	0	17
41 Lurgan	725	8	18	0	6	14	8	1	14	0	14	5	0	21
42 Moira	276	2	10	0	1	14	0	1	1	0	1	1	6	12
43 Tanderagee	892	3	10	0	9	1	11	3	0	0	6	5	0	22

Although it is true that facilities have latterly increased in this country for the furtherance of the gospel beyond former times; and though political accommodations of recent introduction have promised much in the speculations of theorists; yet a bold and arrogant superstition, confident in its enchantments and "lying wonders," still casts its darkness over multitudes of our population. This people were never more subject to priestly domination, and never was that domination more jesuitically exercised. However, in this we are confident, that the various religious institutions, patronised and upheld by Protestant feeling and liberality, must have their effect; assured that if the good seed be cast into the prepared ground, it shall be found bearing fruit after many days.

In many parts of Ireland the Lord's work has prospered. The desert place has become a fruitful field; the earth has brought forth her bud; "and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

We feel it our duty to state that preaching in the Irish language is not of so late a date as some seem to suppose. Eighty years since the devout and learned Thomas Walsh, an eminent convert from the Romish faith, zealously entered in our Connexion upon this department of the work, and for several years, both in the open air and from house to house, successfully preached the gospel in the native tongue; and, by the blessing of the Most High upon his arduous and faithful labours, many sinners were turned to the Lord. At the Conference of 1790, the late Charles Graham was sent out by Mr. Wesley, specially to preach in the Irish language in the province of Munster, and particularly in the county of Kerry, where the fruits of his pious labours continue to this day. And immediately after the Irish Rebellion of 1798, the indefatigable Ouseley was united with Brother Graham, and both appointed to a general Mission, for which they were particularly qualified, both by their zeal for the glory of God and their intimate knowledge of the Irish language. They accordingly proceeded and preached in the fields and *markets* throughout every county in Ireland, and with

much success. And although six years have now elapsed since Brother Graham sank beneath the weight of his years and labours and entered his eternal rest, Brother Ouseley still survives; and day and night in perils, and often nigh unto death, continues to labour in the native language for the salvation of his countrymen.

Through the blessing of God upon the united and persevering exertions of our Irish Missionaries within the above period, many hundreds of our countrymen, Roman Catholic as well as Protestant, have been turned "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God." Methodism has taken her stand in Ireland, preaching the gospel to the poor of all denominations, and in the worst of times; and for nearly seventy years was almost alone, and had none to help her.

Your Mission Schools have already proved a great blessing wherever they have been established; and thousands of children have cause to bless the Lord for the benefits they have received in them. On this subject we cannot be silent, since the period is arrived which removes from us our beloved, laborious, and faithful Brother Edwards. Though he was your servant, he was to us a brother, a fellow-labourer, and a blessing.

The deplorable state of this country during the last year occasioned by the failure of the manufactures, both in the north and south, and the numerous emigrations of our people (upwards of five hundred) to America, &c., occasioned thereby, must have reduced our numbers, had not the Lord in many instances watered and revived his heritage.

The visits of your Missionary Deputations have been highly beneficial and sincerely gratifying to us; and were it practicable that more time could be allowed, and their valuable labours more extended, the interest already excited in behalf of the Missionary cause would, no doubt, be considerably augmented.

The spirit of your excellent President, Dr. Townley, in all our meetings, has added to the obligations we feel from those annual visitations of the venerable men who fill the high offices of our Connexion. His valued companion, the Rev. John James, has been made a blessing

to us all, both by his faithful and able ministrations in public, and his judicious counsels in Conference.

This year we have to record the death of two of our aged brethren, the Rev. John Kerr and the Rev. Blakely Dowling—men of tried character, laborious ministers, patient in suffering, who died in the full assurance of hope.

Four brethren retire this year on the supernumerary list. Some of them, we hope, may yet resume their labours.

We send you as our Representatives this year, our confidential brethren, the Rev. Messrs. Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, and Thomas Waugh; and also the Rev. Thomas W. Doolittle, our Book-Steward, to assist in maturing the plan proposed by your Book Committee, of which we cordially approve.

Every sitting of our Conference has been attended by the Divine blessing; and we regard it as an omen of our future prosperity, for we believe that while we hold the truth as it is in Jesus, while we walk in all good conscience before God and man, while we are patient in sufferings and zealous in labours, our God will work by us for the praise of his name. The riches and honours of this world we neither have nor want; yet the Lord has counted us worthy, and hath put us into the ministry, that we might preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Our motto is indeed apostolical, "As poor, yet making many rich."

Our sympathies and prayers have been unceasing since we have heard of the dangerous illness of our late venerated President, the Rev. Jabez Bunting; and our trust in God is, that he will be speedily restored to health, and long spared to occupy his highly useful station in the Connexion. We pray for all the brethren in every place, but especially that the Lord God would delight to dwell in the midst of all your assemblies; that he would direct all your consultations for the good of his church, and the glory of his name, who is in all, and over all; and to whom, in the ineffable mystery of the Trinity, be worship and blessing and honour, for ever and ever. Amen.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

WILLIAM STEWART, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 15, 1830.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

United as we are in the strictest bonds of christian fellowship, and associated in the prosecution of an object more glorious than any which this world can propose, it is impossible that we can be indifferent either to the success which crowns your labours, or the privations and sufferings you endure. The times in which you live, and the bounds in which your habitation is fixed, preclude almost every other expectation than that which is calculated to enforce vigilance, and the arming of yourselves with the same mind which was in Him who once suffered for us in the flesh. At this dispensation of divine Providence, whilst we deeply sympathize with you, we dare not repine; we rather admire that in the fight of affliction which you have for some time past been called to maintain, you have furnished to the church a striking illustration of the great sight which Moses turned aside to see, "the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed."

Among those precious fruits of a successful ministration of the gospel which recompense the labour and gladden the heart of an ambassador of Christ, it cannot fail to be considered as one that you have to record so noble an exemplification of generosity and brotherly love on the part of your societies in their late efforts to relieve the cause of God from a cumbrous pecuniary debt, a debt which not only greatly impeded your progress, but which excited serious apprehensions for your safety. In this great trial of affliction, the abundance of your joy and your poverty have abounded unto the riches of your liberality. For to your power, yea, and beyond your power, you have been willing of yourselves.

We greatly rejoice in the general prosperity with which Almighty God has been pleased to succeed your labours, in proclaiming among all classes of the inhabitants of

your interesting country the unsearchable riches of Christ. The harvest which you are anxious to reap, and for which you are ploughing and sowing in hope, is far other than that of merely gaining the assent of the understanding to subjects of controversial disputation, or swelling the ranks of merely nominal converts to the faith of Christ, whether from the misguided and deluded members of the church of Rome, or from those whose condition is scarcely less perilous, professors of the Protestant faith "who hold the truth in unrighteousness." The end which you propose in all your private studies, to which you direct all your public ministrations, and your teaching from house to house, is, the successful execution of your high commission, "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Christ."

Whilst it is but too evident that many who occupy prominent situations in the church of Christ render their ministrations utterly powerless by consulting rather the taste and inclinations of those who hear them, than their perilous condition, or pernicious and destructive by withholding or denying some of the essential doctrines of Christ, let it be your care to yield to no temptation which might lead to a departure from that simplicity and godly sincerity, in the publication of the testimony of God, to which He has so signally and so long given his approbation in the holy lives and happy deaths of thousands who have been the seals of your ministry. More than ever, let us insist upon the necessity and infinite importance of earnest prayer to God for the communication of those influences of his Holy Spirit by which alone we can savingly know the things of God ourselves, or successfully publish them to others. These alone, whatever subordinate agency may be employed, whether by political wisdom, or the suggestions of even an enlightened philanthropy,—these alone can effectually counterwork and destroy the "mystery of iniquity," and disenthral the thousands who surround you from the sorceries and enchantments with which the "man of sin" has so long held them in his dire captivity.

Among those means which God has been pleased to sanction for the illumination of your country, we consider that of preaching in the Irish language one of the most efficient. This method of promoting the spiritual benefit of the land begins now to be more generally appreciated, not only by our own body, but also by christians of other denominations, whom we hail as coadjutors in the blessed cause in which you have been engaged for so many years.

We also highly applaud the vigour with which you have prosecuted the education of the children of the poor, in forming so many schools which, under the excellent discipline you observe, have prospered beyond expectation. We exhort you still to pay the most diligent attention to this department of your work. A richer harvest awaits you in this portion of your labour than perhaps in any other; whilst you keep constantly in view the salvation of the souls of the children, and endeavour to make all your instructions tend towards this momentous object.

It will afford you high satisfaction to know, that the Lord has greatly owned the labours of our brethren, not only on our foreign stations, but also in the prosperity and happiness of the numerous societies in this country. Great as were the efforts made by some disaffected persons to interrupt our harmony, and sow the seeds of discord and anarchy, the revolution of another year has, we believe, given ample satisfaction to all discreet and pious persons amongst us, of the wisdom and necessity of those prompt measures which the exigencies of the case required, to preserve entire that salutary government of our societies, under which for such a series of years they have enjoyed peace and prosperity. The christian love and harmony of all our brethren assembled in this populous town in our eighty-seventh annual Conference, were never surpassed; and a more gracious influence in the public ordinances was seldom felt than at present.

You will participate in our joyful hope, that God is graciously answering the unceasing prayers of the Conference and of our people, in behalf of the recovery of our highly respected and beloved brother the Rev. Jabez Bunting, *whose dangerous* illness has been almost the only

abatement of our general happiness. We still, however, commend him to your earnest prayers, that his valuable and important life may long be continued to our Connexion.

During the year which is past, we have been deprived by death of nineteen of our Preachers, most of whom were strengthened on the bed of death to bear a joyful testimony to the sufficiency of the grace of God to support them in their final hour, and to give them the victory over the last enemy which shall be destroyed. Still, however, the great and glorious work is not impeded. A sufficient number of men, peculiarly qualified for the ministerial office, are offering themselves as candidates; many of whom, we doubt not, will ere long rank amongst the most successful ministers of the church of Christ.

The long-tried fidelity and ability of the Rev. Messrs. Tobias, Stewart, Waugh, and Doolittle, whom you have chosen to represent you in our present Conference, render them especially acceptable and dear to us; and their public ministrations have been highly useful to our people. We have appointed our much-esteemed President, the Rev. George Morley, and our Secretary, the Rev. Robert Newton, with the Rev. John James, to attend your next Conference. We have also deputed our brethren, the Rev. Messrs. Robert Wood and Robert Newstead, to attend the meetings of your Missionary Societies in the north of Ireland, the ensuing year; and the Rev. Messrs. James Buckley and William Naylor to attend those in the south. These appointments, we doubt not, will be acceptable to you, and conduce to the furtherance of the blessed work in which you are engaged.

And now, Brethren, we once more "commend you to God, and to the word of his grace." Let the primitive simplicity, purity, and zeal, which were amongst the choicest ornaments of our predecessors in this great work, be carefully cherished in our hearts. Let us covet earnestly the best gifts, and anew consecrate all our time and all our talents to the service of God, and the advancement of the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. In everything that is lovely and of good report, let us provoke each other to *higher* attainments, that we may be ensamples to the flock, *em*bodying in our own life and conversation all those

blessed doctrines with which we have been put in trust: so shall we not only save our own souls, but be also instrumental in saving those who hear us; and when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven, to be glorified in his saints, and admired in all them that believe, we shall have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINDROD, JOHN ANDERSON, } *Sub-Secretaries.*

Leeds, August 9, 1830.

THE ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE METHODIST SOCIETIES OF IRELAND.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

Another year of more than ordinary moment has passed away since we last addressed you. We approach you now, not merely to redeem the pledge by which we bound ourselves several years since, but from the most serious and pressing consideration of our ministerial duty.

That you, Brethren, should be a holy and circumspect people, the world in general, and we in particular, have reason to expect. The admirable rules of our Society, (well denominated "a perfect system of ethics,") the basis of our discipline, and the purity and spirituality of the doctrines which distinguish Methodism from almost every other system; call loudly upon you and us to "let our conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ."

That it has pleased the Lord exceedingly to prosper the work of his grace by the ministry of Methodism, not only in favoured Britain, but in all the foreign departments of its *labours, is to* us matter of rejoicing; and we

constrained to acknowledge, that, notwithstanding the melancholy state of Ireland, and the emigrations of the members of our Society in the past year, amounting to one thousand and twenty-seven, we have not been left without manifest tokens of the Divine blessing, in the awakening and conversion of many souls. We also feel encouraged to hope for succeeding good, from the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit witnessed during the interesting conversations on the state of our Societies, which occupied an entire sitting of the Conference; as also through the powerful and instructive ministrations of our excellent President, and his colleagues, the Rev. Messrs. Newton and James.

The devout attention of our beloved Societies to our christian order, cannot fail to revive, extend, and establish the benefits of Methodism in Ireland. A conscientious attention to our class and band meetings, an undeviating observance of daily family worship, a careful attendance on the ministry of the word, particularly on the Sabbath, a frequent and grateful receiving of the Lord's Supper, a total disconformity to the world in fashionable apparel, a strict regard to parental duty, to "bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," and to all these, attention to the apostolic exhortation, "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom;" regarding these things, Brethren, we are persuaded that you shall lack no grace, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

For your confirmation in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, while we exhort you to "search the Scriptures," we would also direct your attention (particularly of the beloved youth) beyond the modern novel and light productions, which affect to teach holy doctrines by lying devices, and which are mostly mixed up with deleterious matter, weakening the obligations of personal holiness, and opposing the internal evidences of experimental religion. As antidotes, we recommend to your pious perusal and good sense the invaluable Sermons of our venerable Founder, and the other works in circulation among us, and now issuing from the London Methodist Book-room.

The economy of British Methodism has taught us a *prudent* foresight in our financial affairs; and we have

the gratification to state, that in general our stewards and leaders justly appreciate those excellent arrangements, which have already produced such important advantages to our Connexion.

The Lord is at present shaking the heavens, and the earth also; and the hearts of many tremble because of the things that they look for; this, however, is our confidence, though the foundation of the earth be shaken, "the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth;" and yet a little while, "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

In times of great political convulsion, like the present, our duty is before us. That we should pray for kings, and all that are in authority; that we should be subject to the ordinance of our rulers, living godly and peaceable lives, are admonitions of the Holy Spirit. These things become the followers of Christ.

As far as in you lies, Brethren, we beseech you to shun contentious politics; and as you regard your own souls, avoid the evils of contested elections, remembering "the king by judgment establisheth the land, but he that receiveth a gift overthroweth it."

As a people we should particularly acknowledge our obligations to his Majesty's government for the recent, prompt, and kind attention to the circumstances of our suffering brethren, the Negro slaves of Jamaica, and also for the protection afforded to our excellent missionaries.

It has pleased the Lord, in the course of the past year, to take to their reward three of our beloved fellow labourers, and four have retired as supernumeraries. Thus our ranks have been thinned; and, yet a little while, those who have long wielded the weapons of our spiritual warfare must retire from the conflict; but their work and their judgment is with the Lord. However, the Lord is not unmindful of his cause; and it is grateful to our hearts that several truly pious young men of high promise have entered upon, and others are in preparation, for the work of the ministry.

That obstacles have arisen, and still operate against our prosperity, is acknowledged; yet are we persuaded that it

ye be faithful, and unite in continual supplications with us for more enlarged outpourings of the Holy Spirit, God, even our Lord, will hear and bless our heritage, and His word shall run and be glorified as in the days before; yes, and even more abundantly!

We are, dearly beloved Brethren,

Your faithful and affectionate servants in the gospel of Christ.

GEORGE MORLEY, *President.*
THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

Belfast, July 12, 1831.

DUBLIN, Thursday, July 5th, 1832.

Q. 1. What Preachers are admitted into FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. Frederick Philip Le Maitre, Thomas Meredith, John Williams, Edward Harpur, William Lupton.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. James Tobias, Robert Huston, William Cather, William Mulloy.

These have travelled three years.

John Byrne, William Starkey, William Burnside, James Hughes.

These have travelled two years.

William Hoey, Samuel Jones, Robert Bamford, William Graham Campbell.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers are now RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

A. Abraham Kerr, Benjamin Bayly, Henry Geddis.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since the last Conference?

A. 1. GUSTAVUS ARMSTRONG. A man of great truth and integrity, warmly attached to the doctrines of the gospel, and zealously attentive to the discipline established in the

Methodist Connexion. He was a sincere and unalterable friend, and it was rarely known that, in the long space of more than forty years travelling as an itinerant Preacher, he ever quitted a circuit without leaving it better than he found it.

In his last illness (which was but of short duration) there was not any cloud on his experience, nor any doubt or fear of his acceptance with God, through the atonement of Jesus Christ, and the agency of the Holy Spirit. When asked, a few hours before he yielded up his spirit, "Are you afraid to die?" He answered with some difficulty, but great emphasis, "No, blessed be God, I am not." On the Sabbath morning, 25th of March, 1832, he finished his pilgrimage, and entered into the rest which remaineth for the people of God, in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

2. JOHN FOSTER. He was a native of the county Cavan. Early in life he experienced salvation by grace through faith, and never afterwards lost the evidence of the Divine favour. Constrained by the love of Christ, he soon began to preach the truths which he felt, and, having zealously laboured as a local preacher, he was appointed to a circuit in the year 1800. By exposure in damp clothes in 1813, an inflammation of the lungs was induced, which so impaired his constitution, that he was obliged to retire for two years. When restored to health, he joyfully resumed his work, and continued his labours with much faithfulness, until a few days before his death. He possessed a mild and amiable disposition, and walked humbly with God. He loved the work of the ministry, and, on many of the Circuits where he was stationed, his labours were crowned with great success. During his last illness, he frequently spoke of the peace and joy of faith, with which his soul was filled, and in this happy state he departed this life in the full assurance of a glorious immortality. He died March 24, 1832, in the fifty-seventh year of his age.

3. THOMAS NESBITT, a young man of more than ordinary powers of mind, which were cultivated by diligent study. He possessed great benignity of temper, deep humility, and ardent zeal, which rendered him very acceptable and

useful. A damp bed in which he slept, together with exertions far beyond his strength, during a recent revival of religion on the Enniskillen Circuit, brought on a consumption, which speedily carried him off.

He possessed during his illness a constant supply of the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit; and a short time before his death he was favoured with a rich and gracious manifestation of the love of Christ, which constrained him to exclaim, "I am happy! happy! O precious Jesus! O help me to praise my God!" Frequently would he repeat some favourite verses of hymns, particularly,

> "My Jesus to know, and feel his blood flow,
> 'Tis life everlasting, 'tis heaven below."

As the hour of his dissolution approached, he commended his friends and family connexions to God; and repeating the words he often used, "Father, thy will be done," without a sigh or struggle, calmly resigned his spirit into the hands of his gracious God, June 13th, 1832, in the twenty-third year of his age, having travelled one year and nine months.

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. Who has DESISTED from travelling?

A. James Moffat, who retires solely for want of health.

Q. 7. How are our Preachers STATIONED for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin,*	Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Thomas T. N. Hull, Robert Jessop; Michael Murphy, William Smith, William Ferguson, John Stuart, Archibald Campbell, James M'Keown, Andrew Taylor, Supernumeraries.
2 *Drogheda,*	Robert Bruce, John Howe; William Hamilton, sen., Supernumerary, who shall reside at Dundalk.

3 *Wicklow.* George Barrows, John Waggett, Alexander Moore, Supernumeraries.

THOMAS WALKER, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

4 *Waterford,* Samuel Wood, William Ridley.
5 *Carlow,* Richard T. Tracy, Robert Rusk, Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
6 *Newtownbarry.* John Carey, John Williams, John Clendinnen, Supernumerary.
7 *Wexford,* Thomas Lougheed, Samuel Kyle.

SAMUEL WOOD, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

8 *Cork & Cove,* Thomas W. Doolittle, Henry Price, Daniel Pedlow, Joshua Harman, Supernumeraries.
9 *Bandon,* Fossey Tackaberry, Frederick P. Le Maitre; Andrew Hamilton, sen., George Stephenson, Supernumeraries.
10 *Skibbereen,* Thomas Ballard, John Saul.
11 *Tralee,* William Crook.

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

12 *Limerick,* William Stewart, John P. Matthews.
13 *Roscrea,* Andrew Hamilton, jun., John Harrington; Francis Russell, Supernumerary.
14 *Parsonstown & Cloughjordan,* Charles M'Cormick, Samuel Downing, Patrick French, Supernumerary.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

15 *Tullamore,* James Johnston, [redacted]

16 *Mountrath*, James Patterson, William Starkey; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
17 *Longford*, George M'Elwain, Joseph Edgerton; Richard Price, Supernumerary.

JOHN HADDEN, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

18 *Sligo*, Robert Masaroon, John Nash.
19 *Castlebar*, Richard Phillips, John Jebb.
20 *Ballina*, John Rogers, James Henry; William M'Cornock, Supernumerary.

ROBERT MASAROON, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

21 *Clones*, James Carter, Thomas Meredith.
22 *Castleblayney*, James C. Pratt.
23 *Killeshandra*, John Campbell, William G. Campbell.
24 *Boyle*, Archibald Murdoch.
25 *Monaghan*, Henry Deery, Benjamin Bayly; William Armstrong, sen., Supernumerary.

HENRY DEERY, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

26 *Enniskillen*, John Nesbitt, Henry Geddis; Robert Crozier, Supernumerary.
27 *Brookborough*, William Kidd, James Knowlan,* late Missionary in New Brunswick.
28 *Manorhamilton*, Robert Beauchamp, John Byrne.
29 *Irvinestown*, William Douglas, William Finley.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS, *Chairman of the District.*

* This appointment, made in the expectation of Brother Knowlan's return from Nova Scotia, was not fulfilled, Brother Knowlan remaining in that colony till he died. Brothers Knowlan and Ellis were on our list of reserve in 1806, and, by resolutions of the Conference of that year and the next, were, with Brothers Wiggins and Toland, placed at the disposal of the British Conference for the Foreign Missions. Brother Knowlan was appointed to Jamaica in 1806, to Canada in 1829, and died in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1845. Brother Ellis was sent to Newfoundland in 1806, where he laboured till he died in 1837. Brother Toland was appointed to Tortola in 1807, and laboured for a short time in the West Indies. Brother Wiggins went to Antigua in 1807, continued in the West Indies till 1817, labouring and suffering in the service of the church, returned then to Ireland, a supernumerary, and resumed the itinerancy in 1826.—ED:TORS.

IX. The Londonderry District.

30	*Londonderry,*	Daniel McAfee. William Cather.
31	*Strabane,*	James Lynch; Castor Clements, Supernumerary. N.B. Brother Lynch shall change with the young Preacher on the Londonderry Circuit two fortnights in each quarter.
32	*Omagh,*	James Rutledge, John C. Irvine; John M'Arthur, Charles M'Cord, Robert Carson, Robert Wilson, Supernumeraries.

James Rutledge, *Chairman of the District.*

X. The Belfast District.

33	*Belfast,*	John Nelson, James B. Gillman, John Greer; Thomas Ridgeway, Thomas Brown, Supernumeraries.
34	*Donaghadee,*	Samuel Harpur, Matthew Lanktree, senior.
35	*Carrickfergus and Larne,*	William Armstrong, Edward Harpur.
36	*Coleraine,*	Matthew Tobias, James Tobias; John Dinnen, Matthew Lanktree, jun., Supernumeraries.
37	*Lisburn,*	Michael Burrows, John Hill.
38	*Antrim,*	John Waugh, Abraham Kerr; Alexander Mackey, Supernumerary.

Matthew Tobias, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. The Newry District.

39	*Newry,*	Edward Johnston, Claudius Byrne.
40	*Dungannon,*	James McCutcheon, Nathaniel Hobart; Robert Cranston, Supernumerary.
41	*Armagh,*	John Holmes, Samuel Jones; Alexander Sturgeon, Supernumerary.
42	*Lurgan,*	William Keys, David Waugh.
43	*Moira,*	Charles Mayne.

Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1833, and it has been divided among the respective Districts, according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting their demands, which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

Q. 14. What Chapels are to be built this year?

Q. One at Redcross, on the Wicklow Circuit; one at Baltinglass, on the Carlow Circuit; one at Killarney, and one at Ballymacelligott, on the Tralee Circuit; one at Churchhill, on the Enniskillen Circuit; one at Maguire's-bridge, and one at Ballagh, on the Brookborough Circuit; one at Youghal, on the Youghal Mission; one at Kenmare, on the Kenmare Mission; one at Ardara, on the Donegal Mission.

Q. 15. Who are the Chapel Committee, without whose previous consent obtained in writing, no chapel, whether large or small, is to be erected, purchased, or enlarged, during the ensuing year?

A. The Preachers of the Dublin Circuit, with Messrs. William Kent, Arthur Williams, James Deale, and Arthur Jones. William Reilly is Secretary to this Committee.

Q. 16. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to meet in Cork, to review the concerns of our Missions previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, John Howe, James Rutledge, John Hadden, William Crook, William Keys, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, Robert Bruce, Richard T. Tracy, together with the following thirteen gentlemen:—James Woods, William Dawson, James Wright, *Cork;* Henry Cornwall, Henry Belcher, *Bandon;* James Wright, *Skibbereen;* John Busteed, *Tralee;* Thomas Tracy, *Limerick;* Joseph Higgins, *Clonmel;* William Kelly, *Mountrath;* Moses Rowe, *Wexford;* Christopher Hamilton, *Dublin;* James Boyd, *Larne.*

N.B. The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable, and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer the first weeks in December, March, and June. Also the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and

closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 17. What is to be done to regulate our Missionary Meetings through this kingdom in future?

A. A Committee shall be appointed at each Conference, to name the towns to be visited by the English Deputation in the ensuing spring; and at the Financial meetings of each District, in August, the other towns, shall be fixed, and persons named belonging to that District who are to attend those meetings.

N.B. The following places shall be visited by the English Deputations for the North and South, in the spring of 1833; the North, viz., Clones, Armagh, Portadown, Lurgan, Tanderagee, Belfast, Donaghadee, Newry, Dundalk, Enniskillen, Sligo, Londonderry, Coleraine, Carrickfergus, Banbridge;—the South, viz., Cork, Bandon, Skibbereen, Tralee, Limerick, Nenagh, Parsonstown, Roscrea, Carlow, Youghal, Fermoy, Clonmel, Waterford, Ross, Wexford, Gorey, Arklow, Dublin.

Q. 18. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, John Howe, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Crook, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Alexander Mackey, Secretary to the Committee, together with eleven brethren, not travelling Preachers, who shall be elected, one in each District.

Q. 19. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our several Funds?

A. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer; William Reilly, Secretary of the Contingent Fund. William Ferguson, Treasurer; Robert Masaroon, Secretary of the Auxiliary and Legalized Funds. Elijiah Hoole, General Treasurer of the Mission Fund.

Q. 20. What is the continued judgment of the Conference respecting the formation of Lending Tract Societies?

A. That we fully approve of the principle of these institutions and earnestly recommend the establishment of such a society in every Circuit and Mission Station in Ireland; and that every Preacher shall exert himself in the ensuing year to carry into operation this simple, but *highly beneficial system* among our several societies.

Q. 21. What are the regulations of the Conference in reference to young men on trial, and those who may be candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A. The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a sermon every year, at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and the strictest attention shall be paid to the following rules, viz:—

1st. The Chairman of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, all proposed to travel as Preachers among us, but also to report distinctly in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings after such examination respecting their health, piety, and moral character, ministerial abilities, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline, and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any candidate shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may forthwith be copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2nd. The Chairman of Districts shall, at every District Meeting, examine every Preacher on trial, respecting the course of theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District a list of the books which he has read since the preceding District Meeting. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving to the junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd. Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that meeting, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's Works in general, and especially with his Sermons, and his Notes on the New Testament, in addition to the other examinations required by our existing rules; and no Preacher shall be so recommended,

unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the meeting.

N.B. The strictest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every candidate for the ministry amongst us, as no one can be received as a Preacher into our Connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the book of God.

Q. 22. Who are the Auxiliary Fund Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, Andw. Hamilton, jun., William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, John Howe, John Hadden, the Secretary of the Conference, and the Sub-secretary, and the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Fund.

N.B. No application for aid from this Fund can be admitted by the Committee, unless it be recommended by a District Meeting, and be regularly entered in the District Minutes.

The Superintendents of Circuits and Mission Stations are required to produce, at each succeeding Conference, a list of subscribers of ten shillings and upwards to the Auxiliary Fund, alphabetically arranged, which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of that Fund in England, to be published in the Annual Report. Any amount received under ten shillings shall be included under the head of small sums.

Q. 23. How shall the Yearly Collection Fund be made more productive?

A. Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the Circuits, unless the Yearly Collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulation, viz., to make personal application to every individual in all the classes on his Circuit; and that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

Q. 24. What can be done more effectually to promote the prosperity of the work of God in our Societies?

A. During a calm and deliberate conversation, the Conference agreed strongly to recommend to all the Preachers to read frequently the works of the Rev. Mr. Wesley, and also the works of the Rev. J. Fletcher. The Conference also recommends to all the Preachers to improve

their minds by reading and study, to read those works which are best calculated to give information on those subjects which are connected with the important work of the ministry; to give unremitting attention to the study of the Holy Scriptures, that, as men of God, they may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works; and to preach fully and faithfully all those leading and important doctrines which God has so graciously owned from the commencement of Methodism, and to make them prominent in their sermons.

The Conference earnestly recommends, that as Ministers we should, in deep humility and unreserved devotion, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to God and his work; that we should attend more faithfully and laboriously than ever to the preaching of the word of life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeemer, and urging upon believers the attainment of a full salvation; visiting our people from house to house; preaching more frequently in the mornings and in the open air, meeting the classes regularly, and speaking to each member, and diligently applying ourselves to the important work of catechizing the children of our people, and preaching occasional sermons for their improvement and spiritual instruction.

It is recommended that the Preachers frequently address the Societies after preaching, afford encouragement to prayer-meetings, embrace opportunities of preaching in private houses, wherever a congregation can be collected, and that preaching on the week-day evenings shall be appointed at such an hour, that the people shall not be kept too late from their habitations.

The Conference recommends the uniform and conscientious observance of all our rules of discipline, and urges a particular attention to watch nights, private and public bands, and quarterly days of humiliation, fasting, and prayer with a special view that the Head of the Church may pour out his Holy Spirit, that the kingdom of our God and of his Christ may be extended and established, by the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers on their most holy faith.

Q. 25. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in August?

Q. 26. When shall the District Meetings preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 27. Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. William Stewart, Thomas W. Doolittle, and Thomas Waugh.

Q. 28. When and where shall the Committees meet, preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Cork as follows, viz: the Stationing Committee, on Friday, 28th June; the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund Committee, on Saturday, 29th June; the Chapel Fund Committee, on Monday, 1st July; the Missionary Committee, Tuesday, 2nd July; the Committee of Chairmen, on Wednesday, 3rd July.

Brother John F. Mathews, our Sub-Secretary, is directed to attend the meetings of the several Committees, to facilitate the business of the Committees and of the Conference.

N.B. The above Committees are to meet on the days appointed, at ten o'clock each morning.

Q. 29. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Cork, on the first Thursday in July, 1833.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference, at Dublin, this 11th July, 1832.

GEORGE MARSDEN, *President.*
THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

DR. THE TREASURER OF THE CONTINGENT FUND.

	£	s.	d.
To Grant from the British Contingent Fund	600	0	0
„ „ from the Auxiliary Fund ...	210	0	0
„ Amount of Yearly Collection, £557 9s. 9d. and £23 17s. 9d.	580	7	6
„ Donation from James Hill, Esq. per Rev. A. Hamilton, jun.	90	0	0
„ Do. from H. Cornwall, Esq. per Rev. D. Waugh	20	0	0
„ Do. from J. Galt, Esq. per Rev. W. Smith...	20	0	0
„ Do. from a Friend, per Rev. T. Waugh ...	5	0	0
„ Mr. Brownlow's Bequest, from R. Jackson, Esq. per Rev. H. Deery	23	1	6
„ Mrs Sheil's Legacy	3	18	11
„ Missionary Balance	159	6	11
Balance	72	6	7
	£1784	1	5

PER CONTRA. CR.

	£	s.	d.
By Allowance to the Districts to meet the demands thereon	1700	0	0
„ Amount of Grass Bill	23	3	0
„ Limerick Annuity	60	18	5
	£1784	1	5

N.B. The sums annexed have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Preachers' Legalized Fund—

Subscription from James Hill, per Rev. A. Hamilton, jun.	10	0	0
Legacy from Mrs. Deaves	11	8	0

GENERAL VIEW

Of the number of Members and Ministers in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the world, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1831.

Number of members now in Great Britain		249,119
Ditto in Ireland		22,470
Ditto in our Foreign Stations		42,743
Under the care of the British and Irish Conferences ..		314,332
Under the care of the American Conferences ...		487,348
Total number of members in the Wesleyan-Methodist Societies throughout the world, exclusive of regular Travelling Preachers, who are statedly employed in the work of the Ministry		801,680

N.B. The number of regular Travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, is as follows, viz:—

In Great Britain,		
Regular Preachers	736	
Supernumerary and Superannuated ...	110	
		846
In Ireland,		
Regular Preachers, stationed in the Circuits ...	86	
Missionaries	24	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	36	
		146
In the Foreign Stations,		
Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the list (besides the twenty-four Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible),	183	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	4	
		187
In the American Connexion, 1829,		
Regular Preachers in Circuits and Missionaries to the Indians	1,697	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	120	
		1,817
In the Canada Connexion, ...		61
Total throughout the World		3,057

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1832.

CIRCUITS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Emigrants.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1 Dublin	1114	119	13	10	46	0	0	36	0	0	42	15	6	34
2 Drogheda	374	16	14	6	11	0	0	3	10	8	5	15	4	17
3 Wicklow	300	9	0	0	6	2	0	1	15	0	5	10	0	7
4 Waterford	186	26	0	0	11	0	0	5	5	0	11	11	0	16
5 Carlow	279	12	0	0	6	0	10	2	0	0	4	10	0	13
6 Newtownbarry	320	7	12	0	3	6	0	1	1	0	4	10	0	2
7 Wexford	200	8	10	0	5	3	0	2	2	0	6	0	0	2
8 Cork and Cove	543	55	3	6	17	3	8	18	10	0	19	0	0	48
9 Bandon	541	25	7	0	12	0	6	13	9	0	17	2	11	
10 Skibbereen	440	9	10	0	3	4	6	1	11	0	3	13	1	23
11 Tralee	170	11	13	1	2	15	0	1	1	0	4	6	0	2
12 Limerick	450	18	10	6	6	18	2	7	0	0	18	0	0	15
13 Roscrea	303	10	0	0	4	5	9	3	0	0	6	0	0	14
14 Parsonstown and Cloughjordan	220	6	10	6	3	5	6	1	10	0	3	0	6	
15 Tullamore	142	7	12	4	5	1	8	2	2	0	5	10	0	10
16 Mountrath	385	8	10	0	6	0	0	1	5	0	3	6	2	8
17 Longford	151	5	3	0	3	10	0	1	3	0	2	4	6	1
18 Sligo	330	10	0	0	5	3	4	2	18	6	6	0	1	28
19 Castlebar	111	9	0	0	2	15	6	1	1	0	3	3	0	17
20 Ballina	200	6	0	0	2	10	2	1	5	0	1	17	0	3
21 Clones	550	4	1	6	2	13	0	1	10	0	3	14	7	20

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1852.

CIRCUITS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Emigrants.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
22 Castleblayney	179	1	12	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	2	6	2
23 Killeshandra	400	4	10	6	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	14
24 Boyle	110	1	15	0	0	12	1	1	1	0	0	8	6	14
25 Monaghan	550	5	2	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	6	23
26 Enniskillen	900	5	16	2	2	5	6	1	1	0	4	9	3	8
27 Brookborough	736	5	10	0	2	5	0	1	1	0	2	0	6	24
28 Manorhamilton	660	5	12	6	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	6	4
29 Londonderry	266	5	12	3	11	4	0	1	1	0	3	2	9	3
30 Strabane	227	2	18	0	2	16	4	1	1	0	0	9	6	5
31 Irvinestown	1180	6	15	0	1	5	7	1	1	0	1	0	6	24
32 Omagh	895	7	11	9	3	5	0	1	3	0	2	12	6	48
33 Belfast	800	21	0	0	21	10	0	10	12	6	23	2	0	22
34 Donaghadee	318	5	1	0	4	4	11	1	4	0	3	16	0	6
35 Downpatrick and Comber	213	3	0	0	1	10	0	1	1	0	1	11	1	3
36 Carrickfergus and Larne	308	5	14	6	5	0	2	1	1	0	6	5	0	5
37 Coleraine	532	5	16	6	7	10	0	1	10	0	6	0	0	7
38 Lisburn	560	4	15	0	7	0	0	2	10	0	4	3	5	6
39 Antrim	358	3	6	0	3	17	0	2	10	0	4	15	6	2
40 Newry	240	4	16	0	4	6	0	1	6	0	4	14	0	
41 Dungannon	480	4	18	0	3	10	3	1	10	0	5	0	0	26
42 Armagh	590	7	0	0	7	9	5	1	12	0	4	15	0	7
43 Lurgan	725	9	0	0	6	11	0	1	14	0	14	5	0	3
44 Moira	280	2	10	0	1	10	0	1	1	0	1	2	6	14
45 Tanderagee	945	6	2	6	5	15	2	3	1	0	8	9	0	6

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1832.

MISSION STATIONS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.	Education Collection Fund.	Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.	Chapel Fund.	Emigrants.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1 Celbridge and Trim	167	1 16 8	2 1 7	1 1 0	2 0 0	22
2 Co. Waterford		0 3 6	0 4 6		1 2 6	
3 Youghal and Fermoy	220	8 14 6	3 5 1	1 10 0	3 10 8	1
4 Killarney and Kenmare	60			1 1 0		
5 Killaloe and Ennis	52	1 15 6	1 13 5	1 1 0	1 12 3	
6 Tarbert and Kilrush	45	0 17 9	0 15 3	1 1 0	0 15 1	8
7 Galway and Banagher	114	3 10 0	3 0 0	1 10 0	3 2 0	10
8 Ballymoate and Liney	50	0 10 0	0 10 0	1 1 0	0 5 0	
9 Cavan	284	4 14 0	2 7 2	1 1 0	1 7 0	15
10 Donegal	816	4 0 0	3 0 0	1 2 0	3 1 0	40
11 Rathmelton and Stranorlar	163	2 0 0	0 15 0	1 1 0	1 10 9	16
12 Newtownlimavaddy & Aughadoey	194	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 1 0	1 0 0	
13 Magherafelt	533	3 5 4	1 11 3	1 1 0	2 6 2	10
14 Ballymena	201	1 10 10	1 0 9	1 1 0	1 1 0	2
15 Bangor and Portaferry	80		0 12 6	1 5 0	0 14 8	
16 Barony of Lecale	59	0 17 9	1 3 4	1 1 0	0 3 0	
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The Annual Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very Dear Fathers and Brethren,

Your Address was, to us, highly interesting and instructive. The wise counsels it contained, resulting from long experience, and evidently flowing from sincere concern for the prosperity of the work of God in this part of the British empire, deeply affected us; and we trust the impression produced on our minds will be permanent, and influential in our practice.

These, together with many former proofs of your regard, have especially directed our attention to the advantages of that christian unity which exists between you and us, and by virtue of which we are eminently one body, joined together under one Head. In doctrine, discipline, and in affection we are one. This union we regard as an answer to the prayer of our Divine Master, and calculated to promote the extension of the work in which we are mutually engaged. In respect to his disciples, his prayer was, "that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they all may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Our personal intercourse, now happily so frequent, and our annual interchange of Addresses, we consider powerful means of cementing more closely, and perpetuating more effectually, the union now existing.

It is particularly painful to us to advert to the political and religious agitations of our country. Through the greater part of the last year, in some districts of the south and west, a spirit of insubordination, arising partially from distress, has been manifested in acts which are disgraceful to our country. Life and property have been insecure; and instances of outrage have occurred, the shocking details of which must have deeply afflicted all the lovers of peace and order. We are, however, led to trace, with grateful feelings, the providence of God, which, in the midst of dangers so imminent, has

preserved the people of our charge, and even our brethren, who, in the performance of their ministerial duties, had to traverse the disturbed districts, and have walked unhurt in the midst of surrounding danger. It is matter of regret, that among too many of our countrymen, who profess to receive the holy Scriptures as the sole rule of faith, there is such an intermingling of dangerous errors with the doctrines of truth, as evidently tends to neutralize their salutary and practical influence.

The spirit of emigration, which, during a series of years, has removed many thousands of persons belonging to our societies and congregations, arising from the unhappy condition of our country, is considerably increased. In the course of the last twelve months, one thousand and twenty-seven members of our societies have left our shores; so that, notwithstanding many gracious instances of spiritual prosperity, there is a decrease in our societies; although, in point of fact, this decrease is but a transfer of members to other parts of our extensive Connexion.

But, though truth compels us to make this representation of the moral and political condition of our beloved country, we have not ceased to indulge those pleasing hopes which encourage and cheer our hearts, as patriots and christians. In our conflicts with the various forms of error and sin, we still prove that "the weapons of our warfare are mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God;" and we see no reason to doubt, that in the faithful ministry of the divine word, and a diligent attention to our pastoral duties, we shall still be honoured with success, and witness the further triumphs of that gospel which shall be ultimately manifested as the only efficient instrument of the salvation of our country, and of the renovation of the world.

Assured, however, that the full efficiency of the gospel ministry depends upon the publication of the whole truth as it is in Jesus, without consulting the vitiated taste of those who attempt the impossible task of mingling the spirit of the world with the spirit which is of God; and that the preaching of the truth itself will be powerless, unless accompanied by fervent and persevering prayer; we have

resolved, more than ever, not to be as "many which corrupt the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as of God," to speak in Christ; and to "insist on the necessity and infinite importance of earnest supplication for the communication of that influence of the Holy Spirit, by which alone we can savingly know the things of God ourselves, or successfully publish them to others."

Our self-denying and zealous Missionaries have not relaxed their exertions for the moral good of our country; but are ceaselessly employed in some of the most remote and neglected districts, preaching and teaching in the Irish and English languages, the truths of the gospel; and it is a subject of unfeigned thankfulness, that they "have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." Many, through their means, in the last year, have been brought to a knowledge of the truth; are added to the church; and in their lives manifest that they are, in reality, turned "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God."

Our Mission Schools, under the judicious superintendence of your Agent, and the immediate care of masters, selected with reference to their personal piety, as well as to their qualifications for the instruction of youth, are in full operation; and in the increase of their numbers, and the benefits conferred on the rising generation, have not disappointed the hopes of their most sanguine friends. The advantages of a scriptural education, communicated by suitable instruments, are apparent, not only in the diffusion of knowledge, and the advancement of social order and public morals, but in the conversion of many children and adults to the faith of Christ.

An anxious concern for the more general extension of moral and religious knowledge among the youth of our country creates in us an interest in the operations of other Societies having in view this important object; and, at this period, has led us collectively to address the Legislature, praying that the parliamentary grant, hitherto afforded to the Kildare-place Association, may not be withdrawn or diminished; convinced, as we are, that such a measure would materially retard the progress of education, and narrow the sphere of those operations which have been of acknowledged benefit to the land.

The visits of our beloved brethren from England have always been hailed by us with gratitude; their ministry has been attended by a gracious influence, and followed by the best effects. The blessings enjoyed under the powerful ministry of the fathers of our Connexion, the Rev. Messrs. Wesley, Fletcher, and Coke, when they visited our land, have been called to our recollection; and many of our people have been induced to request that we should address you, dear Fathers and Brethren, praying that the President for the time being, and his companion, or some members of your Conference, might be appointed at such times as may best suit their convenience, to "come over and help us" annually by their ministry. In pursuance of this request, and being fully persuaded that such a visitation, together with that of the Missionary deputation, would be attended with the most beneficial results to the cause of true religion, we beg to express our earnest and unanimous wish that such appointment may be made.

Every succeeding year presses on our attention the solemn and admonitory subject of mortality. Since the last Conference three of our brethren have finished their earthly course, viz., the Rev. Messrs. James Stuart, James Smith, and Robert Strong: the last from the regular work, and the two former from the supernumerary list. Four others, through age and increasing infirmities, have been obliged to become Supernumeraries. The Lord of the harvest has supplied the place of those brethren, who have either gone to their reward, or have been compelled to retire. Three young men, whose examination, as to piety, and gifts for the ministry, afforded satisfaction, have been received as probationers.

The public labours, the patient attention to the business of our Conference, and the judicious counsels, of our beloved and excellent President, the Rev. George Morley, and of his valuable colleagues, the Rev. Messrs. Robert Newton and John James, have been highly beneficial to us, and have excited our gratitude.

We greatly rejoice that, in answer to our united prayers, it has pleased God to restore to health our highly esteemed friend, and beloved brother, the Rev. Jabez Bunting; and our earnest hope is, that his useful life may be spared,

and his distinguished labours long continued to our Connexion.

The diligent application of our respected brother, the Rev. Elijah Hoole, the Superintendent of the Mission Schools, has been particularly useful to those interesting establishments. It is the unanimous wish of the Conference, that we may be favoured with the valuable exertions of our beloved brother for the ensuing year.

We send to your Conference, as our Representatives, our judicious and highly respected brethren, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart, Thomas Wade Doolittle, and Thomas Waugh.

And now, in conclusion, very dear Fathers and Brethren, conscious of our entire dependence upon God, and feeling the pressure of many difficulties, we beg to be remembered in your prayers, "that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified" among us, "even as it is with you."

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Sub-Secretary.*

Belfast, July 13, 1831.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

Your truly affectionate Address, presented by the hands of your highly respected Representatives, was received by us with all that sincere and unabated affection which, as christian ministers, we are especially bound to cherish towards those who walk by the same rule, and mind the same thing; and who with one heart and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The sentiment suggested in your Address, that "we are one body," we most cheerfully reciprocate. The same

pure doctrines of unadulterated christianity, propagated and defended by our venerated Founder, are mutually maintained by us; and the same salutary and christian discipline which he exercised over the flocks committed to his care, is still the rule of our conduct; and though the spirit of innovation is abroad in the world, and a love for that which is *novel* maintains a greater ascendancy over the public mind than has generally been witnessed, yet we rejoice that, amidst the strife of tongues which agitates the political world, Methodism, in its vital and essential principles, knows no variation, and is subject to no decay. And, considering the native turbulence of the human heart, and the love for pre-eminence and dominion which has prevailed among some of the professed members of our societies, it cannot fail to enkindle in our hearts the liveliest gratitude to the great Head of the Church, that he has maintained our unity, and that we have been enabled to "stand fast in one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel." Never were we, considered as a body of christian ministers, more indissolubly *one*, than we are at present. The harmony of love has pre-eminently prevailed in our Conference; and we are about to go to our several circuits, to fulfil our ministry, to feed the flocks over which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers, and to seek to save souls from death, and hide a multitude of sins.

The reports of the political disturbances, and complicated privations and sufferings, to which your afflicted country has been subject, during the past year, have excited in our minds the liveliest sympathy; but though you have been walking in the midst of trouble, exposed to the danger arising from the assemblies of violent men, yet the Keeper of Israel, who never slumbereth nor sleepeth, hath covered your heads in the day of battle; you are all alive even unto this day; and still the Lord liveth to guard you by His love, and shield you by His power.

But while we, in common with yourselves, have deplored the unhappy condition of many of your countrymen, who are blinded by error, deluded by superstition, polluted by crime, we rejoice in hope that a morning without clouds is breaking upon your land. The plans

which are now adopted, and the means which are called nto operation, for the moral amelioration of your coun-ry, cannot fail, under the influence of Him who worketh ll things according to the counsel of His own will, to roduce the most happy and permanent effects. Truth is reat, and will prevail; and never are its claims more owerfully or more successfully urged, than when they ome from hearts imbued with its spirit, and impressed vith its importance. God will sanction His own word, and ive success to His own gospel. Then be not discouraged. Blessed are they which sow beside all waters. However npropitious your present prospects may be, remember hat though Israel be not gathered, yet your work is with he Lord, and your judgment with your God.

And while we rejoice to learn that you are still pursu-ng your course of ministerial duty, it affords us addi-ional pleasure to hear that the system of school instruc-ion is so widely extended among the youth of your ountry. "For the soul to be without knowledge, it is ot good." Ignorance is the negation of all moral excel-ence; and when the key of scriptural knowledge is insi-iously concealed from the rising generation, ignorance, nsubordination, barbarism, and a train of evils beyond alculation, will be necessarily induced. These evils, to fearful degree, you have unwillingly witnessed. But ou, in common with christians of various names and rofessions, are seeking to diffuse sound scriptural know-edge throughout your land. May the Lord crown all our efforts with abundant success; and may the deadly vils which have desolated your country, and wasted its nhabitants, be speedily turned away from you!

We doubt not, but you will participate in the pleasure vhich we enjoy, of knowing that the word of the Lord as still free course, and is glorified among us. In seve-al of our circuits at home, the goings of our God have een seen in the sanctuary; transgressors have been taught od's ways, and sinners have been converted to him. Many who were scattered and driven from us in a cloudy nd a dark day, or were beguiled to leave us by the entic-ng words of "unruly and vain talkers and deceivers," ave again voluntarily sought admission into our societies.

And, in the foreign stations, accessions have been made to our numbers, new doors of usefulness have been opened; and as the earth is bringing forth her bud, and the garden causing the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God is causing righteousness and peace to spring forth before all nations.

But while Zion has been stretching forth the curtains of her habitation, and lengthening her cords, and strengthening her stakes, during the past year we have been called to mourn over an unusual number of our standard bearers, who have fallen by the ravages of death. Some, whose talents and virtues gave promise of extensive usefulness, have been called, in the morning of their existence, into a world of spirits; while others, after having served their generation according to the will of God for a series of years, have passed from a suffering church beneath, to a reigning church above. By such afflictive bereavements we are forcibly reminded of our own mortality, of the frailty of our frame, of the precarious tenure by which our hold on earthly good is retained, and of the necessity of working while it is day; knowing that the night cometh when no man can work. But while the Lord of the harvest is calling some who have borne the burden and heat of the day to their reward, he is sending forth other labourers into his harvest. About fifty young men of unquestionable piety, and promising ministerial talents, have been recommended to the Conference as candidates for our itinerancy. These, according as they are needed, will be called to give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry; and it is to be hoped, that their profiting will appear unto all.

It is with pleasure that we assure you of the cordial reception which your worthy and well-known Representatives, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart, Thomas Wade Doolittle, and Thomas Waugh, have met with from the Conference; and we beg to state, that such men as you may annually choose from your body to visit us, will be received as the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ. We have appointed our highly respected President, the Rev. George Marsden, and the Rev. Theophilus Lessey, to attend your next Conference. We have also

deputed the Rev. Dr. Townley, the Rev. Richard Reece, and the Rev. Thomas Martin, to attend your Missionary Meetings in the south of Ireland, and the Rev. Alexander Bell, and the Rev. Stephen Kay, to visit the north of Ireland for the same purpose, the ensuing year; and we indulge a hope that the visits of these brethren will not only be acceptable to you, but tend to the furtherance of the great work in which we are mutually engaged.

In conclusion, dear Brethren, allow us to stir up your pure minds, by way of remembrance; remembrance of the character we are called to sustain, the responsibility of the office which we hold, the vastness of the work which we have to achieve, the purity of the motives by which we should be actuated, and the eternity of blessedness which we hope to secure. Therefore let us labour to save as many souls as we can: let us for this end leave no means untried, no efforts unattempted; let us walk with God, and study to show ourselves approved in his sight. Let us aim at high ministerial qualifications; let us be workmen that need not to be ashamed. Let us be deeply impressed with the immense and incalculable value of the souls of men; let us travail in birth for their salvation; let us think of Him who, to bring many sons to glory, trod the winepress alone, and humbled himself to death, even the death of the cross. Let us give "no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed;" but approve ourselves as the ministers of God, "by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness, on the right hand, and on the left;" let us familiarize ourselves with the doctrines of revealed truth; and while we walk about Zion, and tell her towers, and mark well her bulwarks, let us also enter into her palaces, and warm ourselves with the fires that burn on her altars. Thus shall we save ourselves, and those who hear us; and when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, we shall receive a crown of glory which fadeth not away.

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HANNAH, } *Sub-Secretaries.*

Bristol, August 2, 1831.

The Address of the Conference to the Methodist Societies in Ireland.

Beloved Brethren in Christ,

Being assembled in our Annual Conference, engaged in reviewing the state of our religious Connexion, your spiritual and eternal interests have been, with feelings of the liveliest concern, brought under our most serious consideration. We trust that, under a deep sense of our accountability to God, and the debt of love we owe to you, we can adopt the language of an inspired Apostle, and say, "God is our record, how greatly we long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ; and this we pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent, that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

We also feel it incumbent on us, as ministers of the gospel, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance of those things which you have heard and received, and in the belief of which you are already established.

Your personal piety is the first point to which we would turn your attention. While we are earnestly desirous that each of you should rise in intellectual cultivation, and in moral worth and influence, for the most valuable purposes, among your fellow-men, we are aware of the danger there is of resting in the theory and form, without the spirit and power of godliness. We would therefore remind you, that "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His;" "as many as receive Him, to them He gives the power to become the sons of God;" "and because they are sons, He sends forth the Spirit of His Son into their hearts, crying, Abba, Father." We intreat you, therefore, beloved Brethren, to see that these divine verities be realized, through living faith in Christ, in your daily experience; and that you walk blameless and harmless, "the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom *ye shine* as lights in the world."

We live in times of powerful and dangerous excitement: the spirit of infidel liberalism is conflicting with the spirit of aristocratic and absolute domination; and the demons of superstition, immorality, and discord, are labouring with mighty efforts to oppose the progress of revealed truth. The great Ruler of the universe is asserting and maintaining the rights of His own Divine government; His rod is upon the nations, chastising them in a variety of ways; it has visited our own land; that God may be known in the way of His judgments, that the proud may be humbled, the impious be awakened and brought to repentance, and the Lord's people be stimulated to greater diligence in making their calling and election sure.

In such times, Brethren, what need have we, both ministers and people, to apply with increasing frequency and fervour, in private and public, to the throne of grace, for divine counsel, succour, and consolation; and, amidst the jarring elements that surround us, carefully to observe the instruction of our blessed Lord, "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves!" Keeping ourselves free from the entanglements of party politics, let us in all our Societies endeavour faithfully to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and, as far as in us lies, to live peaceably with all men.

We address you, Brethren, with the tenderest affection, as a most invaluable section of the church of Christ, committed to our care; and do earnestly recommend that the Holy Scriptures, the unadulterated and unmutilated gospel, be more than ever the subject of your daily reading and meditation. In every house, let the family altar be erected, and the morning and evening sacrifices of prayer and praise regularly ascend therefrom before the throne of God. Let the children of each family be trained up for the service of Christ; and, wherever it is practicable, let Sabbath Schools be established, patronized, and cherished. We as earnestly as ever urge upon you a constant attendance on class meetings, band meetings, prayer meetings, the ministry of the word, and the Lord's Supper. The General Rules of our Society should be frequently read, and faithfully kept by all our people, not forgetting the rule which forbids the use of spirituous liquors, unless

in cases of extreme necessity. And, while we would warn you against the indulgence of any thing like narrow and sectarian prejudices, we exhort every member to do all in his power, according to the Scriptures, to promote the best interest of our Connexion; so that Wesleyan Methodism may rise into still greater prosperity, and steadily advance in her own erect and proper attitude among the churches that surround her, maintaining with uncompromising integrity the truth of God, and spreading abroad the savour of godliness in every place.

With great thankfulness of heart, we inform you that never, in any former Conference, have we experienced a more gracious sense of the Divine presence, or greater harmony of judgment and affection, than in the various sittings of the present Conference; and with sincere pleasure we can state to you, that, notwithstanding six hundred and eighty members have emigrated from our shores this season, we can return an increase of four hundred and twenty-nine over the number of the last year.

Our financial affairs are also improving. Many circuits, it is true, have found considerable difficulty in meeting their proportion of our general expenditure; and yet, with a readiness of mind worthy of a christian people, they have so far exerted themselves as not to allow any deficiencies to remain against them, with only two or three exceptions. This more fully demonstrates to us, that we have acted wisely in following the example of our English brethren in their financial arrangements; and that the more these arrangements are understood, and brought into operation, by the Preachers, Stewards, and Leaders, on each circuit, the more fully shall the important advantages of them be manifested.

We have been greatly edified by the wisdom, counsel, and ministry of our beloved President, the Rev. George Marsden, and his excellent companion, the Rev. Theophilus Lessey, and also the Rev. John Beecham, one of the Secretaries of the General Missionary Committee from London. The lively interest they have taken in all our affairs has endeared them to our hearts; and we are led, with increasing gratitude, to adore God for our union with the British Conference.

This year our truly venerable brother, Gustavus Armstrong, has finished his christian course. In his love for the propagation of the gospel in his native land, he has left £1,200, the interest of which is to be applied, yearly, in assisting to support one or more Preachers in our Connexion. The faithful and pious John Foster has been called to his reward; and Thomas Nesbitt, a youth of very great promise, has, in the inscrutable dispensation of providence, been early taken from the church below to enjoy the felicities of the saints in glory. Three of our brethren are retiring this year, as supernumeraries, from the regular work; and three young men, strongly recommended by their respective District Meetings, are now appointed to circuits.

Brethren, we now commend you to God and the word of his grace; and while we adore his goodness for preserving us hitherto, and our dear people, from the ravages of pestilential disease, we would say, let us humble ourselves before him, and cry, "Spare thy people, O Lord!" Let us trust in him, love him, obey him, and seek him for a more abundant outpouring of his Holy Spirit on us, and on all mankind; so that the whole earth may soon be full of his glory. Amen, and amen.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

GEORGE MARSDEN, *President.*
THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 11, 1832.

CORK, Thursday, July 4, 1833.

Q. 1. What Preachers are ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. Robert Huston, William Cather.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. James Tobias, who has travelled four years, but is not now admitted into full Connexion, *solely* because he did not attend the Conference, which has determined that no Preacher shall be entered on our Minutes as received into full Connexion until he has undergone the usual public examinations.

William Mulloy, William Starkey, William Burnside, James Hughes.

These have travelled three years.

William Hoey, Samuel Jones, Robert Bamford, William Graham Campbell.

These have travelled two years.

Abraham Kerr, Benjamin Bayly, Henry Geddis, Samuel Cowdy, Jeremiah Wilson.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers are NOW RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

A. James Murdoch, John Foster.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since the last Conference?

1. James M'Keown, who died in peace, February 3, 1833, aged sixty-eight years.

2. Robert Bailey. He was a native of the County Fermanagh. At an early period he was brought under serious awakenings by the ministry of the Methodist Preachers, and he sought the Lord while he was yet young. He soon felt the power of saving grace in his heart, and longed to publish to others that gospel, the power of which he had happily experienced. In the year 1800 he was regularly called into our itinerant ministry, and for nearly thirty-three years he laboured with considerable acceptance and success.

He was conscientiously attached to our doctrine and discipline; his zeal and diligence were only equalled by his faithfulness and perseverance in his hallowed calling. For fifteen years he laboured as an Irish Missionary, and continued in his work until the evening before his death, when he

> "His body with his charge laid down,
> And ceased at once to work and live."

Some time before his death his mind seemed more than ordinarily impressed with divine things, his conversation was in heaven, and he obviously entertained a presentiment of his dissolution. He was seized by cholera on the 17th of October, 1832, and in fifteen hours closed his moral career.

While the fatal disease rapidly gained upon him, a friend asked him how he did; he replied, "It is all over. Oh! dying is hard work. But all is well." He died in the full triumph of faith on the 18th October, 1832, in the sixtieth year of his age.

3. Matthew Lanktree, jun., who after having travelled for seven years, had to retire through ill health, and having suffered much during a protracted affliction, died in peace, February 1st, 1833, aged thirty-two years.

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. What Preachers have DESISTED FROM TRAVELLING?

A. 1. John Stuart.

2. Alexander Mackey, who having been engaged in business, has retired from our ministry.

3. John Byrne, who retires from our work solely for the want of health.

Q. 6. How are our Preachers STATIONED for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz.

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin*, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Thomas T. N. Hull, Robert Huston; Michael Murphy, William Smith, William Ferguson, James Bell,

Archibald Campbell, Andrew Taylor, Supernumeraries.

2 *Drogheda*, William Crook, James Patterson; William Hamilton (who shall reside in Dundalk), George M'Elwain, Supernumeraries.

3 *Wicklow*, William Foote, John Wiggins; Alexander Moore, Supernumerary.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

4 *Waterford*, Andrew Hamilton, jun., William Richey.

5 *Carlow*, Richard T. Tracy, William Burnside; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.

6 *Newtownbarry*, John Hadden, William Mulloy.

7 *Wexford*, Robert Bruce, James Tobias.

ANDREW HAMILTON, JUN. *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

8 *Cork & Cove*, Thomas W. Doolittle, Henry Price; Daniel Pedlow, Joshua Harman, Supernumeraries.

9 *Bandon*, Fossey Tackaberry, Frederick P. Le Maitre; Andrew Hamilton, sen. George Stephenson, Supernumeraries.

10 *Skibbereen*, Thomas Ballard, William Starkey.

11 *Tralee*, John Saul.

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

12 *Limerick*, William Stewart, John F. Mathews.

13 *Roscrea*, Samuel Wood, Samuel Kyle; Francis Russell, Supernumerary.

14 *Parsonstown & Cloughjordan*, Samuel Downing, Robert Jessop; Patrick Ffrench, Supernumerary.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

V. The Tullamore District.

llamore, Thomas Lougheed, Richard Phillips; James Sterling, Supernumerary.
ountrath, Robert Beauchamp, James Lamb; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
ngford, Archibald Murdoch, Joseph Edgerton; Richard Price, Supernumerary.

Archibald Murdoch, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. The Sligo District.

ligo, Robert Masaroon, John Harrington.
astlebar, James Johnston, John Nash.
allina, John Rogers, James Henry; William M'Cornock, Supernumerary.

Robert Masaroon, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. The Clones District.

lones, James Carter, Thomas Meredith.
astleblayney, James C. Pratt.
illeshandra & Boyle, John Campbell, John Jebb, William G. Campbell.
Monaghan, Henry Deery, James Murdoch; William Armstrong, sen., Supernumerary.

Henry Deery, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. The Enniskillen District.

Enniskillen, John Nesbitt, Abraham Kerr; Robert Crozier, Supernumerary.
Brookborough, William Kidd, John Foster.
Manorhamilton, John Williams, Jeremiah Wilson.
Irvinestown, William Douglas, William Finley.

William Douglas, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. The Londonderry District.

Londonderry, John Howe, William Cather.
Strabane, James Lynch; Castor Clements, Supernumerary.

31 *Omagh*, James Rutledge, John C. Irvine; John M'Arthur, Charles M'Cord, Robert Carson, Robert Wilson, Supernumeraries.

JOHN HOWE, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

32 *Belfast*, John Nelson, James B. Gillman, John Greer; Thomas Ridgeway, Thomas Brown, Matthew Tobias, Supernumeraries.
33 *Donaghadee*, Samuel Harpur, John Hill.
34 *Carrickfergus*, William Armstrong, Edward Harpur.
35 *Coleraine*, John Carey, Benjamin Bayly; John Dinnen, Supernumerary.
36 *Lisburn*, Michael Burrows, Edward Johnston.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

37 *Newry*, Claudius Byrne, Daniel M'Afee.
38 *Dungannon*, James M'Cutcheon, Nathaniel Hobart; Robert Cranston, Supernumerary.
39 *Armagh*, John Holmes, Samuel Jones; Alexander Sturgeon, Supernumerary.
40 *Lurgan*, William Keys, David Waugh.
41 *Moira*, Charles Mayne.
42 *Tanderagee*, Edward Hazelton, Henry Lucy; Zachariah Worrell, John Wilson, Supernumeraries.

CHARLES MAYNE, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS,
with the Districts to which they are respectively attached.

1 *Lucan and Trim*, Arthur Noble, Gideon Ouseley—Dublin District.
2 *Youghal and Fermoy*, James Sullivan, William Lupton.
Kenmare, Robert Bamford—Cork District.

4 *Killaloe & Ennis* Charles M'Cormick.
5 *Tarbert & Kilrush*, George Burrows—Limerick District.
6 *Banagher & Galway*—James Hughes, William Hoey.
7 *Moat, Co. Westmeath*, James Olliffe—Tullamore District.
8 *Cavan*, Edward Cobain, John Feely—Clones District.
9 *Donegal*, William Cornwall, James Knowlan * (late Missionary, New Brunswick) Francis Stephens—Enniskillen District.
10 *Rathmelton*, William Guard, Francis Armstrong, Supernumerary.
11 *Newtownlimavaddy & Aughadoey*, John Armstrong, Samuel Cowdy—Londonderry District.
12 *Magherafelt*, John Remmington, Henry Geddis.
13 *Ballymena & Antrim*, John Waugh, John S. Wilson.
14 *Portaferry & Comber*, Samuel M'Dowell.
15 *Barony of Lecale*, Robert H. Lindsay—Belfast District.

Q. 8. What is the number of members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-four thousand four hundred and three.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year amount to three hundred and twenty-two.

Q. 9. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Five hundred and eighty-two pounds, seventeen shillings and elevenpence.

N.B. Any deficiency in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year shall be considered a deficiency of the circuit where it may occur.

Q. 10. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. One hundred and eighty-four pounds, five shillings.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the collection towards the Education of the Preachers' children?

A. Three hundred and nineteen pounds, seven shillings and ninepence.

N.B. For the detail of the numbers of members in Society, and the amount of contributions on each circuit

* *See note, page 350.*—EDITORS.

to our several Funds, see page 16, [page 391 of this vol.]

Q. 12. How many wives and children are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-one wives, one hundred and sixty-one children for maintenance, and ninety-one for education.

Q. 13. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the Districts, aided by the Contingent Fund in the following proportions, viz:

DISTRICTS.	Numbers in Society.	Amount for support of wives, maintenance and education of children.	Grant from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin	1922	£220 4 7	£95 0 0
2 Waterford	1107	126 16 11	105 0 0
3 Cork	1676	192 0 10	85 0 0
4 Limerick	1051	120 8 6	115 0 0
5 Tullamore	634	72 12 11	125 0 0
6 Sligo	789	90 8 2	58 0 0
7 Clones	2011	230 8 6	231 0 0
8 Enniskillen	3751	429 16 1	315 0 0
9 Londonderry	1494	171 3 9	169 0 0
10 Belfast	2775	317 19 4	145 0 0
11 Newry	3484	399 4 2	278 0 0
	20694	2371 3 9	1721 0 0

N.B. The sum of one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund, that will be disposable at the Conference of 1834; it has been divided among the respective Districts, according to their circumstances to aid them in meeting their demands, which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

Q. 14. What chapels are to be built this year?

A. One at Hacketstown, on the Carlow Circuit, and one at Bailieborough, on the Cavan Mission.

Q. 15. Who are the Chapel Committee, without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no chapel, whether large or small, is to be erected, purchased, or enlarged, during the ensuing year?

A. The Preachers of the Dublin Circuit with Messrs.

William Kent, Arthur Williams, James Deale and Arthur Jones. William Reilly is Secretary to the Committee.

Q. 16. Who are the Committee appointed as trustees for testamentary or other deeds relating to donations given for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. William Ferguson, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas W. Doolittle, Thomas Waugh.

Q. 17. What steps can now be taken in order to provide some efficient assistance in theological studies for the young Preachers on our list of Reserve, and to facilitate the speedy application of the munificent legacy bequeathed by the late Abraham Mason, Esq., of Dublin, in aid of that object?

A. The Conference is deeply and unanimously impressed with the great importance of this subject to the best interests of our Connexion, and hereby instructs the Representatives now appointed to attend the ensuing Conference in England, to request that a committee of that Conference may be directed to confer with them during their sojourn in Manchester, on the best means of accomplishing the object in view, and to give such counsel and information as they may deem expedient. The result shall be reported by the said Representatives to the next Dublin Conference.

Q. 18. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to meet in Dublin to review the concerns of our Missions previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, Charles Mayne, James Rutledge, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, Robert Bruce, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, together with the following thirteen gentlemen:—William Dawson, James Wright, *Cork;* Henry Cornwall, Henry Belcher, *Bandon;* John Busteed, *Tralee;* Thomas Tracy, *Limerick;* Abraham Denny, *Waterford;* William Kelly, *Mountrath;* William Kent, Christopher Hamilton, Abraham Briscoe, *Dublin;* Joseph Young, *Belfast;* James Boyd, *Larne.*

N.B. The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns,

shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable, and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer the first weeks in December, March, and June. Also the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 19. What is to be done to regulate our Missionary Meetings through this kingdom in future?

A. A committee shall be appointed at each Conference to name the towns to be visited by the English Deputation in the ensuing spring; and at the financial meetings of each District in August, the other towns shall be fixed, and persons named belonging to that District who are to attend those Meetings.

N.B. The following places shall be visited by the English Deputations for the North and South, in the spring of 1834: the North, viz., Cootehill, Clones, Enniskillen, Sligo, Omagh, Londonderry, Coleraine, Ballymena, Belfast, Donaghadee, Moira, Lurgan, Portadown, Aughnacloy, Armagh, Tanderagee, Newry, Drogheda, Dublin. The South, viz., Cork, Bandon, Tralee, Limerick, Nenagh, Cloughjordan, Parsonstown, Roscrea, Athy, Carlow, Clonmel, Youghal, Waterford, Wexford, Carnew, Gorey, Dublin.

Q. 20. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, David Waugh, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Richard T. Tracy, John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee, together with eleven brethren, not travelling Preachers, who shall be elected, one in each District.

Q. 21. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our several Funds?

A. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer; William Reilly, Secretary of the Contingent Fund. William Ferguson, Treasurer; Robert Masaroon, Secretary of the Auxiliary and Legalized Funds. William Crook and Mr. John Busteed, Treasurers; John Nelson, Secretary of the Building and Chapel Fund. Elijah Hoole, General Treasurer of the Mission Fund.

Q. 22. What are the regulations of the Conference in reference to young men on trial, and those who may be candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A. The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a sermon every year, at their respective District meetings, during the period of their probation; and the strictest attention shall be paid to the following rules, viz:—

1st. The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely in their District meetings, all proposed to travel as preachers among us; but also to report distinctly in their District minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District meetings after such examination respecting their health, piety, and moral character, ministerial abilities, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In the same District minutes, the Preacher who recommends any candidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may forthwith be copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2nd. The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every District meeting, examine every Preacher on trial, respecting the course of theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District a list of the books which he has read since the preceding District meeting. These lists shall be laid before the meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving to the junior preachers, such advices and directions respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd. Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that meeting, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's Works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, in addition to the other examinations required

by our existing Rules; and no Preacher shall be so recommended, unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the meeting.

N.B. The strictest attention to the holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every candidate for the ministry amongst us, as no one can be received as a preacher into our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the book of God. The attention of the Chairman is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of our District Meetings.

Q. 23. Who are the Auxiliary Fund Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Charles Mayne, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Crook, John Hadden, the Secretary of the Conference, and Sub-Secretary, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Auxiliary Fund.

N.B. No application for aid from this Fund can be admitted by the Committee, unless it be recommended by a District meeting, and be regularly entered in the District Minutes.

The Superintendents of Circuits and Mission Stations are required to produce, at each succeeding Conference, a list of subscribers of ten shillings and upwards to the Auxiliary Fund, alphabetically arranged, which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of that Fund in England, to be published in the Annual Report. Any amount received under ten shillings shall be included under the head of small sums.

Q. 24. How shall the Yearly Collection Fund be made more productive?

A. Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the Circuits, unless the Yearly Collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulation, viz; to make personal application to every individual in all the classes on his Circuit, and that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

Q. 25. What can be done more effectually to promote [illegible] urity of the work of God in our Societies?

surer of the [illegible] nference recommends to all the Preachers to

ıprove their minds by reading and study; to read those ɔrks which are best calculated to give information on ose subjects which are connected with the important ɔrk of the ministry; to give unremitting attention to the ıdy of the holy Scriptures, that, as men of God they ay be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works; ıd to preach fully and faithfully all those leading and ıportant doctrines which God has so graciously owned om the commencement of Methodism, and to make them ·ominent in their sermons.

The Conference earnestly recommends, that as Ministers e should, in deep humility and unreserved devotion, ıder the influence of the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves God and His work; that we should attend more faith-ılly and laboriously than ever to the preaching of the ɔrd of life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeemer, ıd urging upon believers the attainment of a full sal-ıtion, visiting our people from house to house, preaching ore frequently in the mornings and in the open air, meet-g the classes regularly, and speaking to each member, and ligently applying ourselves to the important work of ,techizing the children of our people, and preaching ·casional sermons for their improvement and spiritual struction.

It is recommended, that the Preachers frequently ad-·ess the Societies after preaching, afford encouragement prayer meetings, embrace opportunities of preaching in ·ivate houses, wherever a congregation can be collected, ıd that preaching on the week day evenings shall be ap-ɔinted, at such an hour, that the people shall not be kept o late from their habitations.

The Conference recommends the uniform and conscien-ɔus observance of all our rules of Discipline, and urges particular attention to watch nights, private and public ınds, and quarterly days of humiliation, fasting and ·ayer; with a special view that the Head of the Church ay pour out his Holy Spirit, that the kingdom of our od and of his Christ may be extended and established ɾ the conversion of sinners, and the edification of ɜlievers on their most holy faith.

Q. 26. When shall the Financial District Meetings be ɜld?

A. On the last Wednesday in August.

Q. 27. When shall the District Meetings preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 28. Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. William Stewart, Thomas W. Doolittle and Thomas Waugh.

Q. 29. When and where shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Dublin, as follows, viz:—The Stationing Committee, on Friday 27th June; the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund Committee, on Saturday, 28th June; the Chapel Fund Committee, on Monday 30th June; the Missionary Committee, Tuesday 1st July; the Committee of Chairmen, Wednesday, 2nd July.

Brother John F. Mathews, our Sub-Secretary, is directed to attend the meetings of the several Committees, to facilitate the business of the Committees, and of the Conference.

N.B. The above Committees are to meet on the days appointed at ten o'clock each morning.

Q. 30. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin on the first Thursday in July, 1834.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference, in Cork, this 11th July, 1833.

ROBERT NEWTON, *President.*
THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, &c. &c. FOR 1855.

CIRCUITS	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.	Education Collection Fund.	Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.	Chapel Fund.	Emigrants.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1 Dublin	1240	126 8 0	54 0 0	37 6 0	47 1 0	22
2 Drogheda	382	17 10 0	12 0 0	3 18 0	6 2 0	2
3 Wicklow	300	9 0 0	6 2 0	1 15 0	5 11 0	9
4 Waterford	260	26 0 0	11 0 0	9 1 0	13 6 6	3
5 Carlow	292	12 10 0	8 14 4	2 5 0	5 0 0	
6 Newtownbarry	350	8 1 0	4 6 0	1 15 6	5 2 0	
7 Wexford	205	8 10 0	5 3 0	2 2 0	6 5 0	2
8 Cork and Cove	523	60 2 6	21 17 6	18 12 0	21 3 6	19
9 Bandon	541	26 0 0	12 18 0	14 0 0	26 1 0	15
10 Skibbereen	452	9 10 0	3 4 6	1 1 0	3 0 0	16
11 Tralee	160	11 12 6	3 4 0	1 1 0	4 13 7	6
12 Limerick	520	24 10 0	8 0 0	12 14 0	20 0 0	13
13 Roscrea	274	11 1 0	6 9 8	4 7 0	8 0 0	5
14 Parsonstown and Cloughjordan	257	8 1 4	3 8 10	1 15 0	3 9 3	
15 Tullamore	150	7 17 0	4 0 0	2 2 6	5 6 5	4
16 Mountrath	309	8 10 0	6 10 0	2 10 9	3 15 4	
17 Longford	175	5 6 0	4 0 0	1 3 0	2 8 0	5
18 Sligo	380	10 0 0	5 4 0	3 0 0	6 1 6	14
19 Castlebar	112	9 0 0	2 10 4	1 1 0	3 0 0	
20 Ballina	297	6 0 0	3 13 6	1 5 0	3 11 6	

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, &c. &c. FOR 1833.

CIRCUITS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund			Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Emigrants.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
21 Clones	650	4	4	6	3	0	0	1	15	0	4	2	3	14
22 Castleblayney	180	1	13	6	1	2	0	1	1	6	2	2	6	4
23 Killeshandra	500	4	10	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	
24 Boyle	120	1	17	0	2	7	9	1	1	0	0	9	3	1
25 Monaghan	561	5	3	0	3	1	8	1	2	0	2	17	6	8
26 Enniskillen	960	5	16	6	2	1	3	1	1	0	4	12	11	7
27 Brookborough	761	5	10	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	
28 Manorhamilton	750	5	12	6	1	12	7	1	1	0	1	16	1	
29 Irvinestown	1280	6	16	0	2	10	0	1	2	0	1	8	6	
30 Londonderry	324	6	10	9	10	16	2	1	1	0	3	3	6	10
31 Strabane	275	2	15	0	2	17	6	1	1	0	1	4	0	2
32 Omagh	895	8	12	3	4	17	9	1	1	0	3	5	0	28
33 Belfast	818	21	0	0	13	12	0	10	12	6	18	0	0	20
34 Donaghadee	421	5	2	0	4	6	8	1	7	6	3	18	0	
35 Carrickfergus and Larne	312	5	14	6	5	15	0	1	1	0	6	5	0	
36 Coleraine	538	5	18	4	7	11	6	1	12	6	6	0	0	10
37 Lisburn	591	4	18	6	7	0	0	2	0	0	4	5	0	
38 Antrim	308	3	6	2	3	0	10	1	1	0	2	12	8	6
39 Newry	340	4	17	0	4	8	0	1	4	0	2	15	0	2
40 Dungannon	500	5	0	0	2	3	0	1	10	0	3	0	0	
41 Armagh	643	8	8	1	7	19	0	2	2	0	5	9	6	
42 Lurgan	714	9	2	3	6	0	0	3	12	6	10	13	10	
43 Moira	287	2	12	0	1	15	0	1	1	0	1	5	0	
44 Tanderagee	1000	6	2	6	5	0	7	3	3	0	7	2	3	

MISSION STATIONS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Emigrants.
		£	s.	d	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1 Lucan and Trim	198	2	0	4	2	2	11	1	1	0	1	10	6	
2 Youghal and Fermoy	220	4	18	11	2	13	6	1	13	0	8	3	6	
3 Kenmare	34	1	3	0	1	1	6	1	1	0	1	2	6	3
4 Killaloe and Ennis	62	2	6	6	3	6	6	1	1	0	2	15	0	6
5 Tarbert and Kilrush	60	1	6	0	1	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	
6 Banagher and Galway	184	2	11	0	1	1	3	1	10	0	3	14	3	1
7 Moate, Co. Westmeath	25	0	6	0	0	5	5	1	1	0	0	7	0	
8 Cavan	292	5	2	8	2	8	7	1	1	0	1	9	3	7
9 Donegal	950	4	10	6	3	5	4	1	5	0	3	10	6	20
10 Rathmelton and Stranorlar	213	2	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	12	0	1
11 Newtownlimavaddy & Aughadoey	194	1	0	0	0	11	6	1	1	0	0	10	1	
12 Magherafelt	509	3	9	6	1	11	6	1	1	6	2	7	6	
11 Ballymena	230	1	11	0	1	5	6	1	6	0	1	6	6	35
14 Portaferry and Comber	186	2	0	0	1	5	6	1	1	0	1	1	0	2
15 Barony of Lecale	144	1	15	0	2	4	6	1	1	0	1	2	0	
Total	24403	582	17	11	319	7	9	184	5	0	329	18	11	322

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.	£	s.	d.
To Grant from British Contingent Fund ..	650	0	0
To do. from the Auxiliary Fund ...	250	0	0
To amount of Yearly Collection	582	17	11
To Ditto ditto	25	3	10
To donation from James Hill, Esq., per Rev. A. Hamilton, jun.	90	0	0
To do. from Henry Cornwall, Esq., per Rev. Fossey Tackaberry...	50	0	0
To do. from a friend, per Rev. Thomas Waugh	5	0	0
To Mrs. Sheil's Legacy	3	13	6
To Missionary Balance	110	17	11
Balance	1	7	11
	£1769	1	1

Per Contra	Cr. £	s.	d.
By allowance to the Districts to meet the demands thereon	1680	0	0
By amount of Grass Bill	25	18	9
By Limerick Annuity	55	2	4
By Expenses of Representatives to the British Conference	8	0	0
	£1769	1	1

N.B. The sums annexed have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Preachers Legalized Fund:—

Subscription from James Hill, Esq. per Rev. A. Hamilton, jun. ...	£10	0	0
Mrs. Deaves's Legacy	11	8	0

GENERAL VIEW

Of the number of Members and Ministers in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1832.

Number of members now in Great Britain		256,272
Ditto in Ireland		22,899
Ditto in our Foreign Stations		43,849
Under the care of the British and Irish Conferences ...		323,020
Under the care of the American Conferences		513,114
Under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada		12,563
Total number of members in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World, exclusive of regular travelling Preachers, who are statedly employed in the work of the ministry		848,697

N.B. The number of regular travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, is as follows, viz.:

In Great Britain,

Regular Preachers	754	
Supernumerary and Superannuated	129	
		883

In Ireland,

Regular Preachers stationed in the Circuits ...	85	
Missionaries	24	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	38	
		147

In the Foreign Stations,

Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the List (besides the 24 Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible)	187	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	5	
		192

In the American Connexion in 1831,

Regular Preachers in Circuits, and Missionaries to the Indians	1876	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	134	
		2,010
In the Canada Connexion		65
Total throughout the World		3,297

The Annual Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very Dear Fathers and Brethren,

With unfeigned pleasure we have received, and with unspeakable gratitude we acknowledge, your cordial reply to our Address as presented by our Representatives to you at the last Conference: the perusal of which has been instructive to our minds and comforting to our hearts. We do, indeed, rejoice with you in the peace and prosperity of your Societies, both at home and abroad; and unite in thanksgiving to God, "who always causeth you to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest by you the savour of His knowledge in every place." The great Head of the church has not suffered you "to run in vain, neither labour in vain." Your Ministers and Missionaries have been successfully employed as instruments in His gracious hand, "to open the eyes of the blind, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God; that they might receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Christ." You have witnessed the tears of repenting sinners, and heard the rejoicings of justified believers; many of the Heathen also have been "turned from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, even Jesus, who delivereth us from the wrath to come." These facts, together with the consistent lives, and the tranquil or triumphant deaths of your people, furnish indubitable proofs of the authenticity of your high commission to preach the everlasting gospel; and are "your epistle, known and read of all men, inasmuch as they are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by you, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." Well may you reiterate the dying words of our venerable Founder, "The best of all is, God is with us." *What a* powerful stimulus and encouragement are hereby

fforded to incessant activity and perseverance in the work of faith, the labour of love, and the patience of ope!" For, although, with the most splendid talents, nd laborious exertions, "without Christ we can do othing;" yet, notwithstanding the scoffs of the infidel, ıe pride of the self-righteous, the apathy of the luke-arm, the reproach of the inconsistent, the backslidings f the unfaithful, and the persecutions of the wicked and ıe worldly, "we can do all things" necessary to the ulfilment of our ministry, and the security of our per-ɔnal salvation, "through Christ that strengtheneth us." ınd if there be anything more requisite to complete and erpetuate our confidence and comfort amidst the multi-arious opposition and difficulty which surround us, we ave it in the never to be forgotten promise of our blessed ord and Master, "Lo! I am with you alway, even unto ıe end of the world."

We rejoice in having been made partakers with you in ıis grace, and in your continued recognition of us as ellow-helpers with you in the same work, as members of ıe same body, and partakers of the same hope. And lthough we labour in a less favoured and fruitful part of ıe vineyard, and "find there are many adversaries," yet, y the good hand of our God upon us, we have also found n open door, and even in the past year have been per-ıitted to see and rejoice in the conversion of many sinners nto God; whilst we have good reason to believe that not few of our old established members have experienced a growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and aviour Jesus Christ."

We have no greater joy than to behold our spiritual ıildren living in peace, and walking in the truth: when ıis is the case, they diffuse, under the blessing of heaven, salutary and saving influence throughout all their rela-ons and intercourse in life; and in death, although we ıereby sustain a numerical loss, they become the instru-ıents of repairing the breach; as we have not unfrequently ɜen the peaceful and happy death of a christian believer ɔctified to the awakening and conversion of one or more, ıd sometimes of a whole family. "Precious in the sight : the Lord is the death of his saints."

We deeply sympathize with the persecuted Missionaries and their oppressed people in the West Indies; and fervently deprecate a continuance of the odious traffic in our fellow-creatures and fellow-subjects, which is carried on in those colonies; and trust the day is not far distant, when the wisdom and equity of our Government shall set the captive free, and our king shall be no longer a king of slaves.

The last has been with us a year of more than ordinary events: political excitement has extended to an unusual degree, and caused a greatly increased agitation among our hitherto sufficiently unsettled population. The most appalling outrages and assassinations have been perpetrated, not, as heretofore, beneath the shade of night, but with barbarous and terrifying effrontery in the open day. When the doleful tidings have reached our ears, in the sympathetic and anxious feelings of our hearts, we have been led to ask, When or where shall these things end? But, as yet, to this inquiry, we have had no answer. Nevertheless, "God is our refuge and strength, and a very present help in trouble; therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and the mountains carried into the midst of the sea."

In the midst of those perplexing scenes we have endeavoured to keep ourselves from political intermeddling, believing that, whilst we "fear God and honour the king," our appropriate and special duty is to preach righteousness and call sinners to repentance, "to know nothing among men, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified;" and, knowing our chief interest is with heaven, "we give ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

The intemperate use of ardent spirits and the prevalence of idleness and crime, together with the penal operation of the law, both by transportation and death, have deeply impoverished many families and individuals, and through a large proportion of our peasantry induced a partial famine.

In addition thereto, it hath pleased Almighty God to visit us with the "noisome pestilence" in several of our larger towns and cities, and in some of our villages: the "*pale* horse and his rider" are going through our streets,

and treading into the dust hundreds, yea thousands, of our fellow-citizens. And although the profligate and the poor have chiefly been their victims, yet, in several instances, the disease has reached the middle and upper ranks of society, and many respectable families have to deplore the inroads it has made upon them; and, in fact, so rapid are its movements, that all seem insecure, and none can tell who next shall be summoned away. Never was our Lord's admonitory counsel more pathetically enforced than it has been by this fatal malady, "Be ye also ready, for the Son of man cometh in an hour when ye think not."

We notice with sorrow that the warning held out by the desolating scourge is not duly attended to; many of "the wicked continue to do wickedly." There are, however, some who seem awed into reflection; and we indulge the hope that their serious impressions will, by the blessing of God, settle into pious principle, and the renovating, sanctifying effect thereof be seen in after days. With gratitude to God we have to acknowledge his goodness in the preservation of the persons and families of our Preachers, and those also of our societies in general: exceedingly few of our people have been visited by the disease; whilst all appear to take the warning, and to pray, and place their confidence in Him in whose hands are "the issues from death."

In the course of the year we have lost by emigration no less than six hundred and eighty of our members; and with them, perhaps twice or three times that number of our congregations and friends. Nevertheless, such has been the blessing of the Lord upon the labour of his servants, both in the regular Circuits and on the Mission stations, that after filling up the vacancies occasioned thereby, and those also resulting from other causes, we are enabled to show an increase above the return of last year of four hundred and twenty-nine: thus hath the Lord been building up the walls of our little Zion "in troublous times."

Since our last Conference three of our beloved brethren have been removed to their endless rest; viz., Brothers John Foster and Thomas Nesbitt from the regular work, and Brother Gustavus Armstrong from the Supernumerary list: *these have all died* in faith; and whilst their

are bedewed with the tears of their spiritual children, their memories will be long cherished in our most affectionate recollections. Brother Armstrong was the oldest preacher in the Irish Connexion, having travelled forty-[illegible] years. He possessed a handsome property, and has placed a considerable portion of it, in perpetuity, at the disposal of the Conference, to be applied in support of a single preacher or two, should it be found sufficient, in his native land. Thus has he manifested in death, as well as in life, his love for our ministry and zeal for our cause; "and being dead he yet speaketh." One of our supernumerary brethren has re-entered the work; and three promising young men are received on trial, and appointed to circuits.

The business of our Conference has been conducted in a spirit of remarkable unity and love, and concluded with unusual expedition. Of our venerated President, the Rev. George Marsden, and his beloved companion, the Rev. Theophilus Lessey, we find it difficult to speak; their private intercourse and public labours, the wisdom of their counsels, and the deep concern they have manifested in all our affairs, have greatly served our best interests, and increasingly endeared them to our hearts. We sincerely regret the illness of our highly esteemed brother and former President, the Rev. Dr. Townley, by which he has been prevented from visiting us this year; and fervently pray for his recovery, and the prolongation of a life so valuable to the church of God. Yet we should be greatly wanting in our duty did we not with gratitude acknowledge our obligation to, and declare our respect and affection for, his substitute, the Rev. John Beecham, who has with great faithfulness and ability fulfilled the duties of his mission, both in public and private, and with satisfaction and profit to our preachers and people. Nor should we omit to express our entire approbation of the diligent attention and faithful services of our much-esteemed and well-beloved brother, the Rev. Elijah Hoole, the agent of your Mission Schools in the country; and we earnestly request his re-appointment to that office the ensuing year.

The labours of the venerable and esteemed brethren appointed by your last Conference, the Rev. Messrs.

Richard Reece, and Thomas Martin, to visit the south, and the Rev. Messrs. Alexander Bell and Stephen Kay, to visit the north, for Missionary purposes, were highly acceptable and useful, and claim our grateful acknowledgements. The developements of each succeeding anniversary more fully exhibit the benefits derived to our Connexion by the visits of those fathers and brethren of your appointment with which we have been favoured from year to year. The gradual increase of our Missionary income illustrates the value of your Missionary deputations; and in our annual Conference we feel the importance and advantage of our union and intercourse with the British Conference and British Methodism.

We have appointed our beloved brethren, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart, Thomas W. Doolittle, and Thomas Waugh, our representatives to your Conference.

And now, dear Fathers and Brethren, you will rejoice to hear that a more than ordinary influence of the Holy Spirit has attended the public ministry of the "word of life," which, at this interesting and solemn season has been delivered amongst us to deeply attentive and overflowing congregations. And in the different sittings of our Conference, also, we have experienced a blessed sense of the divine presence, especially during a careful deliberate inquiry into the spiritual state of our Societies, and the best means of promoting the work of God among them. The supreme Lord, with whom is the residue of the Spirit, has, we trust, enlarged our views, expanded our affections, re-animated our zeal, and renewed our commission; and now we once again go forth into the field of labour and conflict, trusting in His name, and relying on His strength, hopeful of the enlargement of Messiah's kingdom; "for he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet;" and resolved, with increased diligence to pursue this glorious end, "not counting our lives dear unto ourselves, so that we may finish our course with joy, and fulfil the ministry we have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Sub-Secretary.*

Dublin, July 11th, 1832.

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address of the Irish Conference.

Very dear Brethren,

The Annual Address from your Conference, expressive of your continued affection, and detailing your various trials and successes in the work of our divine Master, has been presented by your esteemed Representatives. We accept it as a renewed pledge of that union of sentiment and affection which exists, and we trust will always exist, between us. We rejoice to acknowledge that you are engaged, in conjunction with us, in the promotion of one great end "the glory of God in the highest:" and that we both contemplate this end through the use of the same means, the building up of the church of Christ by the constant addition of living stones.

We feel unfeigned joy in hearing of that success with which the Head of the Church has been pleased to crown your endeavours in the work of our common Lord. We rejoice in this the more, because we are aware that you exercise your ministry amidst many disadvantages. Deeply have we sympathised with you, in years past, in those perplexities and adversities which you have had to endure; and have admired your patient faith and unwearied labours of love, in those circumstances of trial in which you have been placed; and we trust that your faithfulness to God, and the cause of Methodism, will now be followed with uninterrupted success and prosperity in all your borders. With gratitude we acknowledge the good hand of the Lord, which has been with you in the many conversions which have followed your ministry of the word of life; so that, notwithstanding the numerous emigrations that have taken place, you have realised a considerable increase. As to those members who, during the year, have departed from their native land, although it must be painful to you to part with the children of your affection, and the fruit of your ministry, still it is a consolation to know that your *loss* may extend to the furtherance of the gospel, and to

› extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. We trust that ›y will not be lost to the church of God; but that, in ›se dependencies of the empire where divine Providence ıy have cast their lot, they will continue to form a part that spiritual family who in every place cry unto God, Abba, Father!" and by whom Jesus Christ is confessed be Lord unto the glory and praise of his grace. It is th the most heartfelt pleasure that we hear of the ex-ordinary measure of the Spirit's influence which has ended the preaching of the word during the prevalence the cholera in your country. With you, we desire to mble ourselves under the hand of the Lord, which pears to be stretched out for judgment; and we pray ıt this chastisement may be sanctified to promote the ›ral improvement of our countrymen, and that it may ›n be mercifully removed. For this, our supplications ve been presented most solemnly and earnestly during e time of our Conference, and we trust will not have en presented in vain.

We regret, in common with yourselves, those political ssensions which continue to distract and agitate your untry; especially on account of their pernicious in-ıence upon the spiritual welfare of those who allow emselves to be unduly influenced by party politics, and us led astray from the simplicity of their christian pro-ssion by worldly strife and contention. We think the ›re excellent way for the subjects of the Prince of Peace to emulate the spirit of their divine Master, whose ngdom was not of this world. In seeking the good of e land in which God has given him his being, the chris-ın patriot will ever remember that the most effectual ıy to benefit his country is by promoting its peace, and deavouring to advance its moral improvement. In this spect, we doubt not that you will perseveringly inculcate those under your pastoral care, the necessity of main-ning the spirit and conduct of their holy vocation.

We have great pleasure in stating that our extensive nnexion is almost universally blessed with a spirit of rmony and peace. Our economy, founded, as we be-ve it to be, in truth and righteousness, and firmly main-ned by us when assailed by unreasonable and contentious

men, has ultimately triumphed over the spirit of faction and misrule, and has come forth from the ordeal to which it has been subjected, so pure and yet so vigorous, that we cannot but see and acknowledge, in the trial it has undergone, the approving sanction of the Head of the Church, whose glory we seek, and whose kingdom we labour to establish among men. We are, therefore greatly encouraged to persevere in the observance of that wholesome discipline which for so many years has proved the preservation and glory of our Societies, being fully persuaded that so long as we continue to do this, upon all our glory Jehovah will be a defence.

Not only has peace been preserved in our Connexion, but, in various places the Lord has graciously made bare his holy arm for the extension of his kingdom. His Spirit has been abundantly poured out, and many have felt the saving power of his grace; thus demonstrating the divine authority of those doctrines which have been delivered unto us; and from which we see no reason, nor feel any inclination to depart. In order that we may transmit them to posterity free from the admixture of human error, we may have occasion, at particular seasons, to separate from us those who depart from the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ; and however sincerely we deplore those events as injurious to the peace of the church, yet being allowed by God to be put in trust with the gospel, we dare not do otherwise than hold fast the faithful word which we have been taught, that we may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convince the gainsayers.

The Representatives from your Conference have ever been received by us with the sincerest affection, and never more so than in the present year. Their fidelity to the trust you repose in them, and the interest which they continue to take in our welfare, have, if possible, increased that love which, for years we have cherished for them. We shall always hail with pleasure the visits of those who may be selected to attend our annual assemblies, and welcome them, not as strangers and foreigners, but as being one with us in the family of our Lord.

We have appointed our highly esteemed President, the *Rev.* Robert Newton, together with our revered and be-

ɔd friend, Dr. Adam Clarke, and our respected Mis-
ıary Secretary, the Rev. John James, to attend your
:t Conference. We have also deputed our brethren,
Rev. John Hannah and the Rev. Peter Duncan, to
ɔnd and assist at your Missionary Meetings in the north
Ireland; and the Rev. William Toase and the Rev.
nuel Broadbent, to attend those in the south. We
ıbt not that the appointment of these our highly res-
:ted brethren to visit you will be acceptable to your
ɔieties; and we trust that the special blessing of the
rd will rest upon their labours.

In conclusion, we are happy to inform you that the
rious sittings of our Conference have been blessed with
ɔ gracious presence of our heavenly Father. Brotherly
'e has indeed continued and abounded amongst us; and
ı go forth again into the vineyard of our Lord, as we
ubt not you will also do, "to spend and to be spent"
: His glory to whom we owe our own personal salvation.
ı every hand we are admonished to work while it is
lled to-day. Thousands, amidst all the privileges of
r favoured country, are yet walking in darkness, and
ıishing for lack of knowledge; a mysterious disease is
ldenly hurrying many around us into the eternal world;
'eral of our esteemed and much beloved brethren have
ring the past year been called to their eternal reward,
l we know not how soon we may be numbered with
ım. But this is our confidence, that the Lord is our
ɔitation, and his work is our employment. To that
rk we are resolved to consecrate all that we have and
ı; knowing that "blessed is that servant, whom his
rd when he cometh shall find so doing."

And now, dear Brethren, we commend you to the con-
ued guidance and favour of our gracious and heavenly
ıster, praying that he may enrich you with all spiritual
ssings; and that finally you and the people of your
ırge may be presented spotless before the Lord at his
ning.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINDROD, *Secretary.*

Liverpool, August 6th, 1832.

you from the paths of righteousness; guard with the utmost carefulness against the spirit of political parties, or mingling in their assemblies; remember the words of our Redeemer to all his followers, "Ye are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." Walk unblameably in holiness before all men; abstain from the use of ardent spirits unless in cases of extreme necessity; and, more decidedly than ever, deny yourselves, take up your cross daily, and follow Christ through evil and through good report.

God has been very graciously with us in all the sittings of the Conference, and though our minds were frequently engaged with deep concern in many important matters which came under our consideration, we have reason to believe, that we have been guided to those determinations that are pleasing in His sight.

We feel ourselves laid under increasing obligations to our highly esteemed President, the Rev. Robert Newton, and his beloved companions, whom we have already named. The wisdom of their counsels in Conference, their powerful ministrations of the gospel in the public congregations, and the great solicitude they have evinced for the prosperity of Methodism in Ireland, have still more closely united our hearts to them, and to our fathers and brethren of the English Conference.

We announce to you with great pleasure, that there is a gradual improvement in our financial affairs, but we wish it to be very deeply impressed on all your minds, how much we are indebted to the kindness of our brethren in England for the large assistance we annually receive from them. And we earnestly look forward to the day when Irish Methodists shall not only feel it to be their duty, but, through the blessing of Divine Providence, shall be able fully to support the ministry of the gospel amongst themselves.

We now commend you to God and to the word of his grace, and pray that you may be blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

Cork, July 11, 1833.

DUBLIN, Thursday, July 3rd, 1834.

Q. 1. What Preachers are this year admitted into FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. William Mulloy, William Starkey, William Burnside, James Hughes.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. William Hoey, Samuel Jones, Robert Bamford, William Graham Campbell.

These have travelled three years.

Abraham Kerr, Benjamin Bayly, Henry Geddes, Samuel Cowdy, Jeremiah Wilson.

These have travelled two years.

James Murdoch, John Foster, Thomas Beamish.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers are now RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

A. Henry Johnston Giles, Edward Martin Banks, William Parker Appelbe, John Boyle Bennett, William Arthur Darby, John Liddy, Armstrong Halliday.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since the last Conference?

A. 1. WILLIAM M'CORNOCK. At the age of twenty-one he was called to preach the gospel, and continued his labours for thirty-five years, when he became a supernumerary. He preached occasionally, and continued to meet his class whenever his health permitted. His last illness commenced about three months before his decease. He suffered much; but through the whole he was kept in perfect peace. No cloud overshadowed his mind; he was always happy and resigned, and in his "patience he possessed his soul." He longed for his release, and frequently said—

> O would He more of heaven bestow,
> And let the vessel break,
> And let my ransomed spirit go
> To grasp the God I seek!

He died on the 7th of January, in the sixty-eight year of his age.

2. JAMES STERLING. He was a native of Innishowen, in the county of Donegal, and among the first fruit of our Irish missionary labour in that previously uncultivated part of the country. Having heard the word of the Lord plainly and faithfully preached, he was awakened to a deep sense of his guilty, sinful, and lost estate, and earnestly sought and found redemption by faith in the blood of Christ. After being some time successfully employed as a leader and local preacher, in 1801 he was appointed by the Conference to the itinerant work, in which he laboured with diligence and acceptance until 1819, when through the injury his health sustained by the violence of an outrageous mob while in the act of preaching, he was ever after rendered incapable of the labours of a Circuit, and therefore settled as a supernumerary in the town of Tullamore. He was a man of good understanding, sincere piety, steady in his friendships, and uniformly attached to our doctrine and discipline. He suffered much pain in his last illness, but was divinely supported, and on the 17th October, 1833, peacefully finished his mortal course, aged fifty-six years.

3. SAMUEL HARPUR. He was born in Dunlainy, county of Cavan. From his youth he feared the Lord, and at an early age obtained a consciousness of his interest in Christ. After labouring for several years as a local preacher with zeal and acceptance, he was called into the itinerant work, in which he continued with undiminished zeal till his constitution was broken down by complicated disease. His love to the doctrines and discipline of Methodism, and his attachment to his brethren in the ministry, and the people among whom he laboured, were sincere and ardent, while the amiableness of his disposition secured to him continued evidences of their esteem. In 1828 his health began to decline, yet he continued to take his appointments, though evidently unable to endure the usual toils of itinerancy. Shortly after the last Conference, he was, by the rupture of a blood vessel, threatened with instant death. In the hour of trial "the God of hope filled him with all joy and peace through believing." From *that* period he continued gradually to decline till the 27th

f March, when he finished his course in the joyful assurance of a glorious immortality. He died in the fiftieth ear of his age, and twenty-seventh of his ministry.

4. JOSEPH EDGERTON. He was a native of the county f Monaghan. He was at an early period of life brought nder the influence of religion, by the ministry of the ord of God amongst the Methodists. About the sixteenth ear of his age he was truly converted to God. He soon egan to pray in public, and exhort his countrymen to ee from the wrath to come. In the year 1815 he was alled into the ministry, and travelled for eighteen years ith an unblemished character and considerable usefulness [e possessed great sweetness of disposition and genuine iety. His talents were respectable, and in general acceptble on all the Circuits on which he was stationed. He uffered much in his last illness, but he suffered as a hristian. He died in the full triumph of faith on the 7th October, 1833.

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are our Preachers STATIONED for the ensuing ear?

A. As follows, viz:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin,*	William Reilly, Robert Masaroon, Thomas T. N. Hull, William Cather; Michael Murphy, William Ferguson, James Bell, Archibald Campbell, George M'Elwain, Supernumeraries.
2	*Drogheda,*	William Crook, James Patterson.
	Dundalk,	Thomas Beamish, who shall change with the Drogheda Preachers, under the direction of the Superintendent.
3	*Wicklow,*	William Foote, William Mulloy; Alexander Moore, Supernumerary.

WILLIAM REILLY, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

1	*Waterford,*	Thomas W. Doolittle, William Richey.

5	*Carlow,*	John Rogers, James Hughes; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
6	*Newtownbarry,*	John Hadden, Robert Huston; John Clendinnen, Supernumerary.
7	*Wexford,*	Robert Bruce, James Tobias.

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

8	*Cork & Cove,*	William Stewart, Henry Price; Andrew Hamilton, jun., Daniel Pedlow, Joshua Harman, Supernumeraries.
9	*Bandon,*	Fossey Tackaberry, John Nash; Andrew Hamilton, sen., William Smith, George Stephenson, Supernumeraries.
10	*Skibbereen,*	Thomas Ballard, William A. Darby.
11	*Tralee,*	John Saul.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

12	*Limerick,*	John F. Mathews, Frederick P. Le Maitre: William Hamilton, Supernumerary, who shall reside at Pallaskenry.
13	*Roscrea,*	Samuel Wood, Samuel Kyle; Francis Russell, Supernumerary.
14	*Clonghjordan,*	Robert Jessop; Patrick Ffrench, Supernumerary.

SAMUEL WOOD, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

15	*Tullamore,*	Thomas Lougheed, Richard Phillips; James Lamb, Supernumerary.
16	*Mountrath & Maryborough,*	Robert Beauchamp, Henry J. Giles; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
17	*Longford,*	Archibald Murdoch, John Campbell; Richard Price, Supernumerary.

ARCHIBALD MURDOCH, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

Sligo,	Richard T. Tracy, Samuel Jones.
Castlebar,	John Holmes.
Ballina,	Samuel Downing, Edward M. Barrett.

RICHARD T. TRACY, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

Clones,	James Rutledge, William G. Campion.
Castleblayney,	Henry Deery.
Killeshandra and Boyle,	James C. Pratt, John Wiggins, Jeremiah Wilson.
	N.B. The two senior Brethren shall change one fortnight in each quarter, with Brother Wilson.
Monaghan,	Michael Burrows, John Foster, William Armstrong, sen. Supernumerary.

HENRY DEERY, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

Enniskillen,	James Carter, Thomas Meredith, Abraham Kerr, Robert Crozier, Supernumerary.
Brookborough,	William Douglas, William Finley.
Manorhamilton,	James Johnston, Armstrong Halliday.
Irvinestown,	James Lynch, William Kidd.

JAMES CARTER, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

Londonderry,	John Howe, William P. Appelbe.
Strabane,	John Williams; Castor Clements, Supernumerary.
Omagh,	Edward Hazelton, John Jebb; John M'Arthur, Charles M'Cord, Robert Carson, Robert Wilson, Supernumeraries.

JOHN HOWE, *Chairman of the District.*

X. The Belfast District.

32 *Belfast,* Thomas Waugh, James B. Gillman, John B. Bennett; Thomas Ridgeway, Thomas Brown, Matthew Tobias, Supernumeraries.

N.B The junior Preacher of this Circuit shall change one fortnight in each quarter with the Hyde Park Missionary.

33 *Donaghadee,* John Hill, John Harrington; Matthew Lanktree, Supernumerary.

34 *Carrickfergus,* James M'Cutcheon, James Henry.

35 *Coleraine,* John Carey, William Burnside; John Dinnen, Supernumerary.

36 *Lisburn,* William Armstrong, James Murdoch.

Thomas Waugh, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. The Newry District.

37 *Newry,* Claudius Byrne, Daniel M'Afee.

38 *Dungannon,* John Nesbitt, John C. Irvine; Robert Cranston, Supernumerary.

39 *Armagh,* John Greer, John Liddy; Alexander Sturgeon, Supernumerary.

40 *Lurgan,* David Waugh, Edward Harpur.

41 *Moira & Dromore,* Charles Mayne, Edward Johnston.

42 *Tanderagee,* John Nelson, Nathaniel Hobart, Henry Lucy; Zachariah Worrell, John Wilson, Supernumeraries.

Charles Mayne, *Chairman of the District.*

Missionary Stations,

with the Districts to which they are respectively attached.

1 *Lucan & Trim,* Arthur Noble.—Dublin District.

2 *Youghal & Fermoy,* James Sullivan, William Lupton.

3 *Kenmare,* William Starkey.—Cork District.

4 *Killaloe & Ennis,* Charles M'Cormick.

5 *Tarbert & Kilrush,* George Burrows.—Limerick District.

6 *Ballinasloe & Galway,* Robert H. Lindsay, William Hoey.

7 *Moate, Co. Westmeath,* James Olliffe, Gideon Ouseley.—Tullamore District.

8 *Cavan*, Edward Cobain, Samuel Cowdy.—Clones District.
9 *Donegal*, William Cornwall, Francis Stephens, John Feely.—Enniskillen District.
10 *Letterkenny, Rathmelton & Stranorlar*, William Guard; Francis Armstrong, Supernumerary.
11 *Newtownlimavaddy and Aughadoey*, John Armstrong, Henry Geddes.—Londonderry District.
12 *Magherafelt*, William Keys, Robert Bamford; John Remmington, Supernumerary.
13 *Ballymena & Antrim*, John Waugh.
14 *Hyde Park*, Benjamin Bayly. (Letters to be directed to Belfast.)
15 *Comber & Portaferry*, John S. Wilson.
15 *Barony of Lecale*, Samuel M'Dowell.—Belfast District.

Q. 7. What is the number of Members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-five thousand six hundred and fourteen.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year amounted to seven hundred and eighty-one.

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Six hundred and twenty-six pounds, twelve shillings and one penny.

N.B. Any deficiency in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year shall be considered a deficiency of the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 9. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two hundred and nine pounds, nine shillings.

Q. 10. What is the amount of the Collection towards the education of the Preachers' children.

A. Three hundred and twenty-two pounds, two shillings and tenpence.

N.B. For the detail of the number of members in Society, and the amount of contributions on each Circuit to our several Funds, see page 17.*

Q. 11. How many wives and children are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-four wives, one hundred and forty children for maintenance, and eighty-six children for education.

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Q. 12. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the Districts, aided by the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz :—

DISTRICTS.	Number in Society.	Amount for support of wives, maintenance, and education of children.	Grant from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin	1946	£202 14 2	£95 0 0
2 Waterford	1185	123 8 9	135 0 0
3 Cork	1741	181 7 1	90 0 0
4 Limerick	923	96 2 11	95 0 0
5 Tullamore	779	81 2 11	125 0 0
6 Sligo	803	83 12 11	55 0 0
7 Clones	2362	246 0 10	231 0 0
8 Enniskillen	4003	416 19 7	330 0 0
9 Londonderry	1461	152 3 9	160 0 0
10 Belfast	2459	256 2 11	145 0 0
11 Newry	4113	428 8 9	294 0 0
	21775	2268 4 7	1755 0 0

N.B. The arrangement made during the Conference, on some of the circuits included in the preceding scale, has occasioned a difference in the number of members as reported for the last year.

The Circuits affected by the alteration, with their present number of members, are the following, viz :—Tralee, 178; Roscrea, 183; Cloughjordan, 200; Tullamore, 230; Mountrath, 414; Killeshandra and Boyle, 755; Belfast, 816; Carrickfergus, 340; Lisburn, 398; Moira, 503.

The sum of One thousand seven hundred and fifty-five pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1835, and it has been divided among the respective Districts, according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting their demands, which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

Q. 13. What Chapels are to be built this year?

A. Two on the Newtownbarry Circuit, in Gorey, and Clonegal; two on the Wexford Circuit, in Wexford, and Enniscorthy; one at Caledon, on the Monaghan Circuit; one in Londonderry, on the Londonderry Circuit; and two on the Armagh Circuit, in Armagh and Market Hill.

Q. 14. Who are the Chapel Committee, without whose previous consent obtained in writing, no chapel, whether large or small, is to be erected, purchased, or enlarged, during the year?

A. The Preachers of the Dublin Circuit, with Messrs. William Kent, Arthur Williams, James Deale, Arthur Jones, and Isaac Farrell.—Robert Masaroon is Secretary to the Committee.

Q. 15. Who are the Committee appointed as Trustees for Testamentary or other Deeds relating to donations given for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. William Ferguson, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas W. Doolittle, Thomas Waugh.

Q. 16. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to meet in Belfast, to review the concerns of our Missions previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, Charles Mayne, James Rutledge, John Howe, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, together with the following thirteen gentlemen:—Frederick Stone, *Sligo;* Alexander Lindsay, *Londonderry;* Archibald M'Elwain, *Coleraine*; Joseph Young, Alexander Murphy, *Belfast;* Edward H. Bolton, *Lisburn;* Thomas Shillington, *Portadown;* John Lanktree, *Newtownards;* John Boyd, *Cootehill;* William Kent, Christopher Hamilton, *Dublin;* Thomas Barber, *Newtownbarry;* Thomas Tracy, *Limerick.*

N.B. The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable, and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer the first weeks in December, March, and June. Also the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 17. What is to be done to regulate our Missionary Meetings through this kingdom in future?

A. A Committee shall be appointed at each Conference, to name the towns to be visited by the English Deputa-

tation in the ensuing spring; and at the Financial meetings of each District, in August, the other towns shall be fixed, and persons named belonging to that District who are to attend those meetings.

N.B. The following places shall be visited by the English Deputations for the North and South, in the spring of 1835; the North, viz., Cootehill, Clones, Enniskillen, Sligo, Londonderry, Coleraine, Belfast, Donaghadee, Carrickfergus, Lurgan, Portadown, Aughnacloy, Armagh, Tanderagee, Banbridge, Newry, Drogheda Circuit, Dublin.

The South, viz., Cork, Bandon, Tralee, Limerick, Cloughjordan, Borrisokane, Roscrea, Parsonstown, Maryborough, Carlow, Clonmel, Waterford, Wexford, Enniscorthy, Dublin.

Q. 18. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, Thomas Lougheed, John Howe, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Richard T. Tracy, John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee, together with eleven brethren, not travelling Preachers, who shall be elected, one in each District.

Q. 19. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our several Funds?

A. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, William Reilly, Secretary of the Contingent Fund. William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secretary of the Auxiliary and Legalized Funds. William Crook, and Mr. Alexander Murphy, Treasurers, John Nelson, Secretary of the Building and Chapel Fund. Elijah Hoole, General Treasurer of the Mission Fund.

Q. 20. What are the regulations of the Conference in reference to young men on trial, and those who may be candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A. The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a sermon every year, at their respective District Meetings, during the period of their probation; and the strictest attention shall be paid to the following rules, viz:—

1st. The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely, in their District Meetings, *all* proposed to travel as Preachers among us, but also to

report distinctly in their District Minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District Meetings, after such examination, respecting their health, piety, and moral character, ministerial abilities, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline, and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the Preacher who recommends any candidate shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may forthwith be copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2nd. The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every District Meeting, examine every Preacher on trial, respecting the course of theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District a list of the books which he has read since the preceding District Meeting. These lists shall be laid before the Meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving to the junior Preachers such advices and directions, respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd. Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District Meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that meeting, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's Works in general, and especially with his Sermons, and his Notes on the New Testament, in addition to the other examinations required by our existing rules; and no Preacher shall be so recommended, unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the meeting.

N.B. The strictest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every candidate for the ministry amongst us, as no one can be received as a Preacher into our Connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the book of God. The attention of the Chairmen is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of our District meetings.

Q. 21. Who are the Auxiliary Fund Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Charles

Mayne, William Stewart, Thomas Waugh, William Crook, John Hadden, the Secretary of the Conference, the Sub-Secretary, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Auxiliary Fund.

N.B. No application for aid from this Fund can be admitted by the Committee, unless it be recommended by a District Meeting, and be regularly entered in the District Minutes.

The Superintendents of Circuits and Mission stations are required to produce, at each succeeding Conference, a list of subscribers of ten shillings and upwards to the Auxiliary Fund, alphabetically arranged, which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of that Fund in England, to be published in the Annual Report. Any amount received under ten shillings shall be included under the head of small sums.

Q. 22. How shall the Yearly Collection Fund be made more productive?

A. Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the Circuits, unless the Yearly Collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulation, viz., to make personal application to every individual in all the classes on his Circuit; and that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

Q. 23. What can be done more effectually to promote the prosperity of the work of God in our Societies?

A. The Conference recommends to all the Preachers to improve their minds by reading and study; to read those works which are best calculated to give information on those subjects which are connected with the important work of the ministry; to give unremitting attention to the study of the Holy Scriptures, that, as men of God they may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works; and to preach fully and faithfully all those leading and important doctrines which God has so graciously owned from the commencement of Methodism, and to make them prominent in their sermons.

The Conference earnestly recommends that, as ministers, we should, in deep humility and unreserved devotion,

under the influence of the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to God and his work; that we should attend more carefully and laboriously than ever to the preaching of the word of life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeemer, and urging upon believers the attainment of a full salvation; visiting our people from house to house, preaching more frequently in the mornings and in the open air, meeting the classes regularly, and speaking to each member; and diligently applying ourselves to the important work of catechizing the children of our people, and preaching occasional sermons for their improvement and spiritual instruction.

It is recommended that the Preachers frequently address the Societies after preaching, afford encouragement to prayer meetings, embrace opportunities of preaching in private houses, wherever a congregation can be collected, and that preaching on the week day evenings shall be appointed at such an hour that the people shall not be kept too late from their habitations.

The Conference recommends the uniform and conscientious observance of all our rules of discipline, and urges a particular attention to watch nights, private and public bands, and quarterly days of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, with a special view that the Head of the Church may pour out His Holy Spirit, that the kingdom of our God and of His Christ may be extended and established, by the conversion of sinners and the edification of believers on their most holy faith.

Q. 24. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in August.

Q. 25. When shall the District Meetings preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 26. Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. Thomas Waugh, and William Reilly.

Q. 27. When and where shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Belfast, as follows, viz: the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund Committee, on Monday, 29th June, at 7 o'clock.

P.M.; the Stationing Committee, on Tuesday, 30th June, at 6 o'clock, A.M.; the Committee of Chairmen, on Wednesday, 1st July, at 6 o'clock, A.M.; the Chapel Fund Committee, on the 1st of July, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Brother John F. Mathews, our Sub-Secretary, is directed to attend the meetings of the several Committees, to facilitate the business of the Committees, and of the Conference.

Q. 28. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Belfast, on the first Friday in July, 1835.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference, at Dublin, this 11th July, 1834.

RICHARD TREFFRY, *President.*
THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1824.

CIRCUITS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Emigrants.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1 Dublin	1280	151	0	0	56	0	0	41	0	0	50	0	0	150
2 Drogheda	366	18	0	0	14	0	0	1	11	6	7	0	0	4
3 Wicklow	300	9	2	0	6	0	0	1	15	0	5	10	0	12
4 Waterford	260	20	0	0	13	7	5	8	3	0	15	0	0	6
5 Carlow	340	14	0	0	8	13	10	4	0	0	6	10	0	3
6 Newtownbarry	350	8	4	0	4	10	6	2	8	6	5	4	6	9
7 Wexford	235	11	0	0	7	0	0	2	10	0	6	7	2	12
8 Cork and Cove	548	61	14	0	17	18	7	10	4	6	22	2	6	48
9 Bandon	380	26	0	0	12	6	0	14	4	0	20	1	0	17
10 Skibbereen	440	9	10	0	2	6	1	1	11	6	3	6	0	18
11 Tralee	190	11	19	6	3	4	9	1	11	6	3	1	4	24
12 Limerick	540	39	10	0	8	5	0	14	0	0	21	10	0	18
13 Roscrea	276	11	3	0	10	0	0	4	10	0	4	0	0	
14 Parsonstown and Clonghanduff	249	9	0	0	2	6	2	1	11	6	4	0	3	1
15 Tullamore	130	6	17	0	4	0	0	2	3	0	3	3	0	4
16 Mountrath	270	8	10	0	3	0	0	2	10	0	3	13	0	1
17 Longford	160	3	4	0	2	0	0	1	11	6	2	16	4	20
18 Sligo	290	7	0	0	4	0	0	2	3	0	2	3	0	10
19 Ballina	180	4	0	0	2	12	6	1	11	6	1	1	6	
20 Castlebar	160	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	13	0	8
21 Ennis	210	4	0	0	2	6	0	1	11	6	1	13	0	24

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1832.

CIRCUITS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.	Education Collection Fund.	Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.	Chapel Fund.	Emigrants
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
22 Castleblayney	200	1 18 0	1 2 0	1 11 6	2 2 9	12
23 Killeshandra and Boyle	750	6 10 0	4 0 0	1 11 6	1 13 0	20
24 Monaghan	591	5 3 0	3 0 7	1 12 6	3 0 0	8
25 Enniskillen	1064	5 18 6	2 5 4	1 11 6	5 0 0	12
26 Brookborough	730	5 10 0	2 12 6	1 11 6	1 11 3	
27 Manorhamilton	719	5 16 6	1 14 7	1 11 6	1 17 7	40
28 Irvinestown	1490	7 0 0	2 4 0	2 1 0	2 3 0	39
29 Londonderry	310	6 17 6	8 16 0	1 11 6	4 9 0	15
30 Strabane	280	2 15 0	2 16 0	1 11 6	0 15 0	12
31 Omagh	871	8 12 8	3 3 9	1 11 6	3 2 1	23
32 Belfast	921	21 5 0	13 15 0	12 0 0	18 15 0	10
33 Donaghadee	405	6 2 0	4 11 4	2 11 6	4 0 0	9
34 Carrickfergus	310	5 14 6	3 10 2	1 11 6	6 5 0	20
35 Coleraine	500	6 0 0	6 2 0	1 11 6	6 0 0	16
36 Lisburn	598	5 10 0	6 0 0	2 8 0	4 12 0	7
37 Newry	847	4 17 6	4 9 0	1 18 0	2 15 8	6
38 Dungannon	530	5 3 3	2 11 0	1 11 6	2 13 8	
39 Armagh	743	8 9 0	8 0 0	2 14 0	5 10 0	2
40 Lurgan	740	9 12 8	6 6 0	4 0 0	10 15 0	3
41 Moira	808	2 14 0	2 0 0	1 12 6	1 12 6	5
42 Tanderagee	1250	6 5 0	5 17 0	3 3 0	7 14 4	2

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1832.

MISSION STATIONS.	Numbers in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.	Education Collection Fund.	Superannuated Preachers Auxiliary Fund.	Chapel Fund.	Emigrants.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1 Lucan and Trim	135	2 3 0	4 2 0	1 11 6	1 17 0	13
2 Youghal and Fermoy	217	4 19 9	2 3 3	1 12 6	3 5 9	18
3 Kenmare	43	1 3 3	1 2 2	1 11 6	1 2 3	7
4 Killaloe and Ennis	70	2 7 6	3 3 2	1 11 6	2 15 6	
5 Tarbert and Kilrush	55	1 7 0	1 0 6	1 11 6	1 1 0	
6 Banagher and Galway	199	2 11 0	1 14 3	2 0 6	2 0 9	6
7 Moate, Co. Westmeath	32	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 11 6	0 10 0	3
9 Cavan	292	5 5 3	3 1 0	1 11 6	1 18 0	3
9 Donegal	928	4 16 0	3 9 0	1 11 6	3 16 6	15
10 Rathmelton	228	2 10 0	1 4 2	2 0 0	1 15 5	13
11 Newtownlimavaddy & Aughadoey	204	1 5 0	1 0 0	1 11 6	1 1 2	3
12 Magherafelt	564	3 9 6	1 12 0	1 12 6	2 7 9	
13 Ballymena and Antrim	390	2 6 10	2 6 0	1 11 6	2 7 9	48
14 Portaferry and Comber	186	2 0 7	1 7 6	1 11 6	1 2 6	2
15 Barony of Lecale	152	1 16 3	2 6 0	1 11 6	1 5 0	
	25614	626 12 1	322 2 10	209 9 0	311 0 2	781

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.	£	s.	d.	Per Contra.	£	s.	d.
To Grant from the British Contingent Fund	650	0	0	By Allowance to the Districts to meet the demands thereon	1721	0	0
„ „ from the Auxiliary Fund ...	250	0	0	By Miscellanies	116	16	4
„ Amount of Yearly Collection, £626 12s. 1d. and £30 11s.	657	8	1	Balance...	25	7	11
„ Donation from James Hill, Esq. per Rev. A. Hamilton, jun.	90	0	0				
„ Do. from a Friend, per Rev. T. Waugh ...	10	0	0				
„ Mrs Sheil's Legacy	8	13	6				
„ Missionary Balance	202	7	8				
	£1863	4	3		£1863	4	3

N.B. The sums annexed have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Preachers' Legalized Fund—

Subscription from James Hill, Esq. per Rev. A. Hamilton, jun. ...	10	0	0
Legacy from Mrs. Deaves	11	8	0

GENERAL VIEW

Of the number of Members and Ministers in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the world, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1833.

Number of members now in Great Britain		279,170
Ditto in Ireland		24,403
Ditto in our Foreign Stations		45,786
Under the care of the British and Irish Conferences ..		349,359
Under the care of the American Conferences ...		548,593
Under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada		16,179
Total number of members in the Wesleyan-Methodist Societies throughout the world, exclusive of regular Travelling Preachers, who are statedly employed in the work of the Ministry		914,131
The number of regular Travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, is as follows, viz:—		
In *Great Britain*,		
Regular Preachers	770	
Supernumerary and Superannuated ...	130	
		900
In *Ireland*,		
Regular Preachers, stationed in the Circuits ...	84	
Missionaries	23	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	36	
		143
In *the Foreign Stations*,		
Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the list (besides the twenty-three Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible),	193	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	3	
		196
In *the American Connexion*, 1832,		
Regular Preachers in Circuits and Missionaries to the Indians	2,057	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers .	143	
		2,200
In *the Canada Connexion*, ...		66
Total throughout the World		3,505

The Annual Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Fathers and Brethren,

For more than forty years past, we have not addressed you with feelings more ardent, and yet more painful and sympathetic, than we do this day. It is indeed a day of lamentation. The "chariot of fire, and the horses of fire," have appeared, and our Elijahs have gone up into heaven. We see them no more, and in the anguish of our hearts we cry, "Our Fathers! our Fathers! the chariots of Israel, and the horsemen thereof."

The remembrance of those distinguished servants of the Lord, whose ministry by the Holy Ghost wrought in us an increase of all wisdom, whose holy zeal oft kindled our spark into a flame, whose prudent and judicious counsels directed us in our most afflictive and distressing circumstances, must be ever cherished by us with the utmost respect and gratitude. Yes, the names of Clarke, Watson, and James, with others of our departed fathers and brethren, which with them are written in the book of life, are engraven in our hearts, and shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

That fearful disorder which visited your land, also spread its ravages in ours, and multitudes have fallen under its scourge; and although our people have been generally preserved, yet our lamented brother Bailey, one of our faithful and laborious Irish Missionaries, is numbered among its victims.

The prosperity of the Lord's work, noticed in your Address, together with the deeply interesting communications of our President and his colleagues, concerning the enlarged outpourings of the Holy Spirit on your country and Connexion have filled our hearts with gratitude to God. And with still increasing joy we have to inform you, that, during the past year, our gracious Lord has given to our labours and our prayers an increase of upwards of fifteen hundred souls. Such an increase, amidst

the disadvantages and opposition under which we labour in this country, opens to us a door of hope of future prosperity; and while it encourages our zeal, it lays us in the dust before Him that worketh all good in us and by us: to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever!

With you we feel persuaded, that were all who enjoy the power of religion "openly to bear their faithful testimony against those vices which everywhere meet the eye, and revolt the heart," it would greatly tend to put to shame the abominations of intemperance, sabbath-breaking, and blaspheming the name of the Lord; crimes which, alas! overspread and debase our land. No doubt, this demoralizing state of society has been greatly increased by political agitation, and encouraged by a dogmatical superstition. Superstition is founded in error, error involves ignorance, and ignorance of God and of his holy word generates crime. Hence, the overflowing of ungodliness. Against those vices we bear our humble but decided testimony; and we trust our beloved people will arise to a still more zealous and constant discharge of their christian obligations to the world at large, and that their "light shall so shine before men, that they may see their good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven."

We have peculiar pleasure in being enabled to state, that, notwithstanding the various agitations of our distracted country, our people, as a body, have been happily preserved from all interfence with political matters. To fear God, to honour the King, to obey the laws, and live peaceably with all men, are not only maxims of our holy religion, but also essential rules, which we conscientiously observe in the regulation of our conduct.

The exercise of a godly discipline we have found conducive to the best interests of our societies; and while we feed the flocks committed to our care, we are resolved to guard the sheepfold from the erroneous and incorrigible, being fully persuaded that christian discipline is essential to christian order.

In these times of infidelity, superstition, and vacillating opinions, we feel called upon to keep and contend for "the faith once delivered to the saints," which has been

happily assisted us in all the business and concerns of our Conference; and never, perhaps, on any former occasion, were their public ministrations of the word of life to listening multitudes attended with more of the illumination, unction, and power of the Holy Spirit; and the gracious fruits thereof we can have no doubt, will be found after many days. The labours of the Rev. Messrs. Toase and Broadbent, Hannah and Duncan, your Missionary deputation, were rendered highly beneficial to our Missionary cause. Their ministrations were instructive and profitable, and their Missionary communications were interesting and affecting. But we had to regret the short period of their continuance among us.

The faithful labours and diligent attentions of our esteemed brother, the Rev. Elijah Hoole, the Agent of your Mission-schools, have induced us to request his reappointment the ensuing year. The circumstances in which he has been placed in the two preceding years will, it is hoped, justify in your estimation this our expectation of his return to us.

We send as our Representatives to your Conference, our esteemed and beloved brethren, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart, Thomas Wade Doolittle, and Thomas Waugh. Finally, Fathers and Brethren, "pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you;" and that by "counting all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord," and "holding fast the profession of our faith without wavering," we may be found in Him, and in the end be counted meet to be partakers with you "of the inheritance of the saints in light."

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOHN F. MATHEWS, *Sub-Secretary.*

Cork, July 9th, 1833.

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address of the Irish Conference.

Very Dear Brethren,

When our highly esteemed fellow-servants, your Representatives, presented to us your annual Address, they found us assembled in circumstances at once awful and animating, and impressed with sentiments of peculiar solemnity. The extraordinary number of those who have been called to rest from their labours, the distinguished character of some of them, and the affecting manner in which they were taken from us, have admonished us to remember the frailty of our mortal nature, and to work while it is day. These bereavements have deepened our previous conviction that we who thus cherish the memory of the loved and venerated dead, shall never all meet again till we rise with them to appear before their God and our God. While we joyfully anticipate the great day when we shall be re-united to our departed worthies, we have also the consolation of knowing that their memorial has not perished with them. They live in the grateful remembrance of great numbers of the people of God, who were profited by their ministry. The venerable Dr. Adam Clarke, was through divine providence and grace, a great gift from your country to ours, and to the general church of God both now and in future ages. His writings, and those of the late Rev. Richard Watson, will long continue to enrich the minds of Christian readers with treasures of sacred knowledge, and will be instrumental to the producing and maturing of holy thoughts and principles in the minds of multitudes yet unborn.

The removal of one of these great men in advanced age, by the mysterious agency of the pestilence; of another in the fulness of capacious and sanctified intellect, by slow consuming affliction; of another beloved brother from a course of strenuous official exertion; of many others who were suddenly taken away "from a suffering church beneath to a reigning church above;" these events, viewed

in connexion with the awful progress of that wide-wasting plague by which some of them were smitten, have taught us afresh to acknowledge the sovereign interference of "that great mysterious Diety" who has so signally dealt with us since our last annual assembly. "Clouds and darkness are round about Him;" but "righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne."

Notwithstanding the scoffs and revilings of supercilious infidels and hardened worldlings, on occasion of the appointment of a general fast in the season of national calamity, many of our countrymen "remembered God, and were troubled," when they perceived, as his messenger, an insidious invisible destroyer, gliding on the wings of the wind, and silently breathing agony and death upon thousands of our fellow-beings in the throngs of great cities, and amongst the scattered population of country villages. The national fast was observed with extraordinary solemnity. He who spared the penitent Ninevites, showed himself still rich in mercy, and infused a spirit of humiliation into the hearts of multitudes in that day of affliction and alarm. Many were then moved to hear his word, who had previously been strangers to his sanctuaries. The Spirit of the Lord accompanied the word of his grace; many were turned from their sins, and obtained joy and peace in believing. The blessed effect of these remarkable dispensations of Providence and grace is manifest in an unprecedented increase of the members of our societies; amounting in Great Britain to 22,898, in the Missionary stations to 1937, which with 1504 members added to your societies in Ireland, make it a total increase of 26,339.

In all these great visitations, in the extraordinary mortality amongst our fathers and brethren in the ministry, in the ravage and terror of the Asiatic cholera, in the national humiliation, in the addition of so many thousands of members to the flock of which the great Shepherd has made us overseers,—in all, we perceive and adore the mighty working of "Him who is invisible;" to Him we desire to give all the praise of the extensive success with which our ministrations have been blessed; and, casting ourselves before the mediatorial throne, we would say, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and thy truth's sake."

We doubt not that you fully participate with us in our conscientious conviction that, from the gracious increase given to our labours in the gospel, there arises a proportionate increase of pastoral responsibility, that so many thousands of babes in Christ are committed to us to be trained in knowledge and holiness, and guarded from the snares of the wicked one.

We congratulate you on that abstinence from political strife, which, as we learn from your Address, has been generally observed by the societies under your care. The awakening impression of that foreign pestilence which afflicted these islands, was mercifully sanctified in both countries, to the general preservation of our united Connexions from the extravagant excitement and vehement contention of parties in the state; evils which, by producing an idolatrous estimation of worldly objects, cause a correspondent degree of spiritual decay and deadness, and often issue in final apostacy from Christ.

We regard with a warm fraternal interest the high calling of your Connexion, as a witness for God in behalf of scriptural truth and holiness, against dangerous error and licentious superstition. Thankful on our own account that the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, we have often admired the fortitude with which you have "laboured, and had patience, and not fainted," in your most exposed and trying post of duty; and we still sympathize with you, as having more especially to bear the reproach of Christ, and to maintain more aggressively and incessantly a spiritual conflict against the crafty devices and arrogant pretensions of Popery. Our earnest prayer for you and for ourselves is, that all our official and individual efforts in proclaiming and defending the truth, in testifying against errors and corruptions, in reproving sin and discountenancing vice, in maintaining the godly discipline and unity of our societies, may proceed from the "faith that worketh by love." We desire to be inspired and sustained in all our labours and conflicts, in all our zeal and patience, by that precious grace of faith, that divine conviction of the absolute reality, transcendant value, and impending nearness of the things unseen, that penetrating and abiding sense of the presence of the invisible Jehovah, which

wrought so gloriously in the ancient believers. This only can preserve us from being dangerously excited by the inevitable offences of the church, and by the vexations and allurements of the world. This victorious faith can alone enable us to be so forbearing and forgiving towards the weak and prejudiced, the unreasonable and injurious, as our duty and safety require; and keep us in such a state and habit of religious recollection as always to view temporal things in the light of eternity.

We rejoice to believe that a faithful adherence to our wholesome discipline, is increasing in both Connexions. It is our privilege in this respect to improve the inestimable advantages we inherit from our holy and gifted predecessors; and not only to avoid degeneracy, but to go from strength to strength. In regard to doctrine and morals, one of our venerable fathers, qualified by long experience to compare the present with the early days of Methodism, has declared his conviction that the Connexion was never more free from erroneous opinions, never more consistent and pure in practice. In christian doctrine we do not expect to make discoveries, or to become wise above what is written; but we long to know and to make known all revealed truth, and especially those principal truths of the gospel by which we and our hearers may become wise unto salvation.

We also rejoice with you for the near prospect that the supreme legislature of the British empire is about "to undo the heavy burdens" in the West India colonies, to "let the oppressed go free," and to "break every yoke;" and that the measure will be accompanied by such regulations as will secure the religious liberty of every British subject in those colonies.

The arrangements which have been, or shortly are to be made, for an extensive employment of Scripture-readers in the Circuits of your Connexion, will, we trust have a blessed effect on great numbers of your countrymen, who have been retained in helpless mental bondage and inaccessible bigotry, through the insidious craft of a corrupt priesthood, in forbidding them to read the word of life.

We have appointed our highly esteemed President, the

Rev. Richard Treffry, together with the Rev. Robert Newton, to attend your next Conference. We have also deputed the Rev. Messrs. David M'Nicoll and Abraham Stead to attend and assist at the annual meetings of your Missionary Societies in the north of Ireland; and for the south, the Rev. Messrs. John Scott and Robert Young. We have also re-appointed the Rev. Elijah Hoole as our Agent for Missionary Schools.

Your Representatives had previously secured a high place in our esteem and affection; in their present visit to our Conference they are again received with unfeigned cordiality, as our valued friends and brethren, and as the messengers of your churches.

Before we conclude our answer, it may be proper to take this opportunity of informing you officially, that, at the request of the Methodist Connexion in Upper Canada, we have taken measures to associate with us, in a manner chiefly similar to our union with yourselves, the members of that Connexion; and have appointed the Rev. George Marsden to attend their next Conference. This union will we trust be instrumental, by the Divine blessing, to the diffusion of the pure doctrine and wholesome discipline of Wesleyan Methodism, amongst the colonists and aboriginal natives of the vast regions extending on the north of the United States.

We were never more united by the easy bonds of mutual love, more harmonious in our views and proceedings, or more conscious of divine aid and control, than in the sittings of the present Conference.

We pray Him "who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think;" who withholdeth no good thing "from them that walk uprightly;" and who has assured us that "the Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them;" that he will grant abundant increase to your labours in His vineyard; and have you and the societies to whom you minister, in His holy keeping.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

EDMUND GRINDROD, *Secretary.*

Manchester, August 12th, 1833.

the Methodist body, we have no doubt, you fully appreciate. Among these advantages the kind and gratuitous labours of the local preachers we hope have a due place in your consideration, as this class of labourers in the vineyard are entitled to the affection and respect of the body at large.

The late providential openings in the West Indies, for increased Missionary labours, calls for our most grateful thanks to Almighty God, and we trust, that while the members and friends of the Methodist Society shall continue their benevolent and ardent exertions in the Missionary cause, they will not cease to pray for those distinguished and patriotic characters, who under God, have achieved so glorious a consummation.

The unity of the Wesleyan Methodist Societies at home and abroad, is, we are persuaded, dear to you as it is to us, and it is with great pleasure that we state, that every successive Conference confirms that bond of unity.

Our President, the Rev. Richard Treffry, and his companions the Rev. Messrs. Newton and Beecham have ministered in our overflowing congregations to great profit and edification; and in our Conference business have afforded the most important aid to the furtherance of the good work among us.

Finally, Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified.

Signed by order, and on behalf of the Conference,

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 11*th*, 1834.

BELFAST, Friday, July 3, 1835.

Q. 1. What Preachers are this year ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. William Hoey, Samuel Jones,* Robert Bamford, William Graham Campbell.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

Abraham Kerr, Benjamin Bayly, Henry Geddes, Samuel Cowdy, Jeremiah Wilson.

These have travelled three years.

A. James Murdoch, John Foster, Thomas Beamish.

These have travelled two years.

Henry Johnston Giles, Edward Martin Banks, William Parker Appelbe, John Boyle Bennett, William Arthur Darby, John Liddy, Armstrong Halliday.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers are NOW RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

A. George Vance, Hugh Moore, Thomas Hickey, George Grant, John Hughes, Robert Hamilton, John Farrell, Robinson Scott.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since last Conference?

A. ZACHARIAH WORRELL. He was seventy-four years of age. He was born in Limerick, where his father was a steady member of the Methodist Society for upwards of thirty years. He was converted to God in early life, appointed to a Circuit in 1796, and continued his itinerant labours until 1818, when, being no longer able to endure the toils and privations of the regular work, he settled as a supernumerary in Portadown. Here, as his health permitted, he continued to labour for God, until he

* Samuel Jones, A.M., T.C.D., is for the present appointed Classical Tutor in the Wesleyan Theological Institution, London.

VII. The Clones District.

23	*Clones,*	James Rutledge, Hugh Moore.
24	*Killeshandra,*	John Wiggins, Jeremiah Wilson.
25	*Monaghan,*	Michael Burrows, John Foster; William Armstrong, sen., Supernumerary.

James Rutledge, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. The Enniskillen District.

26	*Enniskillen,*	Thomas Meredith, John S. Wilson, Henry J. Giles; William Hamilton, Robert Crozier, William Douglas, Supernumeraries.
27	*Brookborough,*	Henry Lucy, William Finley.
28	*Manorhamilton,*	Richard Phillips, John Hughes.
29	*Irvinestown,*	James Lynch, William Kidd.
30	*Pettigo,*	John C. Irvine, Robert Hamilton.

James Lynch, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. The Londonderry District.

31	*Londonderry,*	John Howe, William P. Appelbe.
32	*Strabane,*	John Williams, Robinson Scott; Charles M'Cord, Castor Clements, Supernumeraries.
33	*Omagh,*	Edward Hazelton, John Jebb; John M'Arthur, Robert Carson, Robert Wilson, Supernumeraries.

John Howe, *Chairman of the District.*

X. The Belfast District.

34	*Belfast,*	Thomas Waugh, Thomas T. N. Hull, John B. Bennett; Thomas Ridgeway, Thomas Brown, Matthew Tobias, Robert Cranston, Supernumeraries.
35	*Donaghadee,*	John Hill, William Hoey; Matthew Lanktree, Supernumerary.
36	*Carrickfergus,*	James M'Cutcheon, John Greer.

37 *Coleraine,* John Carey, Thomas Hickey; John Dinnen, Supernumerary.
38 *Lisburn,* William Armstrong, James Murdoch.
THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

39 *Newry,* James Patterson, William Lupton.
40 *Dungannon,* John Waugh, Robert Bamford.
41 *Armagh,* Robert Jessop, Armstrong Halliday; Alexander Sturgeon, Supernumerary.
42 *Lurgan,* Claudius Byrne, Edward Harpur.
43 *Moira and Dromore,* James Carter, David Waugh; Charles Mayne, Supernumerary.
44 *Tanderagee,* John Nelson, Nathaniel Hobart, Abraham Kerr; John Wilson, Supernumerary.
JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS,
with the Districts to which they are respectively attached.

1 *Lucan and Trim,* Arthur Noble.—Dublin District.
2 *Killedmond,* James Olliffe (who shall give one Sunday in each month to Bonlea, on the Mountrath Circuit).—Waterford District.
N.B. Letters to be directed to Bagnalstown.
3 *Youghal & Fermoy,* Thomas Ballard, William Starkey.
4 *Kenmare,* James Sullivan.—Cork District.
5 *Tarbert, Kilrush & Ennis,* Charles M'Cormick.—Limerick District.
6 *Galway,* Robert H. Lindsay.
7 *Athlone & Castlereagh,* George Burrows, Henry Geddes, Gideon Ouseley.—(Letters to be directed to Ballinasloe.)—Tullamore District.
N.B. Two Sundays in each month shall be given to Castlereagh, supplied by the Galway and Athlone Missionaries alternately.

8 *Cavan*, Edward Cobain, Samuel Cowdy.
9 *Bailieborough*, William G. Campbell (who shall change one fortnight in each quarter with the Cavan Missionaries.)—Clones District.
10 *Donegal*, Francis Stephens, John Feely.—Enniskillen District.
11 *Letterkenny, Rathmelton, & Stranorlar*, William Cornwall; Francis Armstrong, Supernumerary.
12 *Newtownlimavaddy & Aughadoey*, John Armstrong, John Farrell.—Londonderry District.
13 *Magherafelt*, William Keys, John Nesbitt; John Remmington, Supernumerary.
14 *Ballymena & Antrim*, William Guard.
15 *Hyde Park*, Benjamin Bayly (Letters to be directed to Belfast).
16 *Comber & Portaferry*, Edward Johnston.
17 *Barony of Lecale*, Samuel M'Dowell.—Belfast District.

Q. 7. What is the number of members in our Society?

A. Twenty-six thousand and thirty-seven.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year amounted to three hundred and seventy-one.

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Six hundred and ninety pounds, seven shillings and four pence.

N.B. Any deficiency in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year shall be considered a deficiency of the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 9. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two hundred and twenty-eight pounds, ten shillings and seven pence.

Q. 10. What is the amount of the collection towards the Education of the Preachers' children?

A. Three hundred and thirty-two pounds, nineteen shillings and eleven pence.

Q. 11. How many wives and children are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-three wives, one hundred and thirty-eight children for maintenance, and seventy-seven children for education.

Q. 12. How is the provision to be made?

A. By the Districts, aided by the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz:

DISTRICTS.	Number in Society.	Amount for support of wives, maintenance and education of children.	Grant from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin	2174	£217 8 0	122 0 0
2 Waterford	1231	123 2 0	107 0 0
3 Cork	1724	172 8 0	99 0 0
4 Limerick	974	97 8 0	97 0 0
5 Tullamore	777	77 14 0	139 10 0
6 Sligo	1092	109 4 0	84 10 0
7 Clones	1900	190 0 0	177 0 0
8 Enniskillen	4284	428 8 0	337 0 0
9 Londonderry	1495	149 10 0	159 10 0
10 Belfast	2543	254 6 0	141 10 0
11 Newry	4339	433 18 0	296 0 0
	22533	2253 6 0	1760 0 0

The sum of one thousand seven hundred and sixty pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1836; it has been divided among the respective Districts, according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting their demands, which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

Q. 13. What chapels are to be built this year?

A. One in Templemore, on the Roscrea Circuit, and one in Tanderagee, on the Tanderagee Circuit.

Q. 14. Who are the Building Committee, without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no chapel, whether large or small, is to be erected, purchased, or enlarged during the year?

A. The Preachers of the Dublin Circuit, with Messrs. William Kent, Arthur Williams, James Deale, Arthur Jones, and Isaac Farrell.—James B. Gillman is Secretary to the Committee.

N.B. All Letters to be post paid.

Q. 15. Who are the Committee appointed as trustees for testamentary or other deeds relating to donations given for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. William Ferguson, Andrew Hamilton, Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas W. Doolittle, Thomas Waugh.

Q. 16. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to meet in Dublin to review the concerns of our Missions, previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, Charles Mayne, Thomas Lougheed, James Rutledge, John Howe, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, together with the following thirteen gentlemen: William Kent, Abraham Briscoe, Christopher Hamilton, *Dublin;* Moses Rowe, *Wexford;* Thomas Barber, *Newtownbarry;* William Dawson, *Cork;* Henry Cornwall, Henry Belcher, *Bandon;* Thomas Tracy, *Limerick;* Frederick Stone, *Sligo;* Joseph Leech, *Roscrea;* Thomas Shillington, *Portadown;* Joseph Young, *Belfast.*

N.B. The regulations recommended by the Parent Society for the management of our Missionary concerns shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer the first weeks in December, March, and June; also, the yearly accounts of the Local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 17. What is to be done to regulate our Missionary Meetings through this kingdom in future?

A. A committee shall be appointed at each Conference to name the towns to be visited by the English Deputation in the ensuing spring; and at the financial meetings of each District in August, the other towns shall be fixed, and persons named belonging to that District who are to attend those Meetings.

N.B. The following places shall be visited by the English Deputations for the North and South, in the spring of 1836: the North, viz., Cootehill, Clones, Enniskillen, Sligo, Londonderry, Coleraine, Belfast, Donaghadee,

fergus, Lurgan, Portadown, Aughnacloy, Armagh,
agee, Banbridge, Newry, Dundalk, Dublin. The
viz., Cork, Bandon, Tralee, Limerick, Cloughjordan,
kane, Roscrea, Parsonstown, Maryborough, Carlow,
l, Waterford, Wexford, Newtownbarry, Enniscorthy,

8. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?
Samuel Wood, Charles Mayne, William Stewart,
s Lougheed, John Howe, William Crook, Thomas
, William Reilly, Robert Bruce, Richard T. Tracy;
Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; together with
brethren, not travelling Preachers, who shall be
one in each District.
9. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our
Funds?
Thomas Waugh, Treasurer; William Reilly, Se-
of the Contingent Fund. William Ferguson,
rer; Robert Masaroon, Secretary of the Auxiliary
alized Funds. William Crook and Mr. Alexander
y, Treasurers; John Nelson, Secretary of the
Fund. Elijah Hoole, General Treasurer of the
Fund.
0. What are the regulations of the Conference
ence to young men on trial, and those who may
idates for admission into full connexion with our

The young men on trial shall each be required to
a sermon every year, at their respective District
s, during the period of their probation; and the
attention shall be paid to the following rules,

The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not
examine very minutely in their District meetings,
osed to travel as preachers among us; but also to
listinctly in their District minutes, for the con-
on of the Conference, the opinion of the District
s after such examination respecting their health,
nd moral character, ministerial abilities, belief of
trines, attachment to our discipline and freedom
bt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In
e District minutes, the Preacher who recommends

any candidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may forthwith be copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2nd. The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every District meeting, examine every Preacher on trial, respecting the course of theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose, every such Preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District a list of the books which he has read since the preceding District meeting. These lists shall be laid before the meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving to the junior preachers, such advices and directions respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd. Before any Preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that meeting, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's Works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, in addition to the other examinations required by our existing Rules; and no Preacher shall be so recommended, unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the meeting.

N.B. The strictest attention to the holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every candidate for the ministry amongst us, as no one can be received as a preacher into our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the book of God. The attention of the Chairmen is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of our District Meetings.

Q. 21. Who are the Auxiliary Fund Committee?

A. Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, Robert Bruce, the Secretary of the Conference, and Sub-Secretary, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Auxiliary Fund.

N.B. No application for aid from this Fund can be admitted by the Committee, unless it be recommended by a District meeting, and be regularly entered in the District Minutes.

Q. 22. How shall the Yearly Collection Fund be made more productive?

A. Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the Circuits, unless the Yearly Collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulation, viz: to make personal application to every individual in all the classes on his Circuit, and that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

N.B. Special attention is directed to the Address on this subject, to be printed by order of Conference.

Q. 23. What are the directions of the Conference, respecting our Scripture Readers?

A. That they be directed to keep themselves to their proper work of reading the Scriptures and affording familiar instruction in the cottages of the poor, confining themselves to such districts as may be marked out for them by their Superintendent, that they be required to be engaged in this work more or less every day, seeking every opportunity of access to the uninstructed part of the population, not allowing any other method of usefulness to interfere with the performance of this their proper duty, as set forth in the twelfth regulation.

Q. 24. What can be done more effectually to promote the prosperity of the work of God in our Societies?

A. The Conference recommends to all the Preachers increased attention to mental improvement, to read such works as are best calculated to give information on those subjects which are connected with the important work of the christian ministry; especially to give unremitting attention to the study of the holy Scriptures, that, as men of God they may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works; and in their ministry to preach fully and faithfully all those leading and important doctrines which God has so graciously owned from the commencement of Methodism.

The Conference earnestly recommends, that as Ministers we should, in deep humility and unreserved devotion, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to God and His work; that we should attend more faith-

fully and laboriously than ever to the preaching of the word of life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeemer, and urging upon believers the attainment of a full salvation, visiting our people from house to house, preaching more frequently in the mornings and in the open air, meeting the classes regularly, and securing such time for the quarterly visitations as will enable us to speak to each member as the case may require, and diligently applying ourselves to the important work of meeting and catechizing the children of our people and congregations, and preaching occasional sermons for their improvement and spiritual instruction.

It is recommended, that the Preachers frequently address the Societies after preaching, meet and converse with the Leaders on the state of their respective classes, give all encouragement to prayer meetings, embrace opportunities of preaching in private houses, wherever a congregation can be collected, and appointing preaching on the week-day evenings, at such an hour that the people shall not be kept too late from their habitations.

The Conference recommends the uniform and conscientious observance of all our rules of Discipline, and especially urges a particular attention to watch nights, private and public bands, and quarterly days of humiliation, fasting and prayer; that the Head of the Church may pour out his Holy Spirit, that the kingdom of our God and of his Christ may be extended and established by the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers on their most holy faith.

Q. 25. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in August?

Q. 26. When shall the District Meetings preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 27. Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. William Stewart, Henry Deery, and Thomas Waugh.

Q. 28. When and where shall the Committees meet, preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Dublin as follows, viz: the Preachers' Auxiliary

Fund Committee, on Monday, 27th June, at 7 o'clock, P.M.; the Stationing Committee, on Tuesday, 28th June, at 6 o'clock, A.M.; the Committee of Chairmen, on Wednesday, 29th June, at 6 o'clock, A.M.; the Chapel Fund Committee, on the 29th June, at 10 o'clock, A.M.; the Missionary Committee, on Thursday, 30th June, at 6 o'clock, A.M.

Brother John F. Mathews, our Sub-Secretary, is directed to attend the meetings of the several Committees, to facilitate the business of the Committees and of the Conference.

Q. 29. When and where shall our next Conference be held?

A. In Dublin, on the first Friday in July, 1836.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference, at Belfast, this 9th of July, 1835.

JOSEPH TAYLOR, *President*
THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary*.

GENERAL VIEW

Of the number of Members and Ministers in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1834.

Number of members now in Great Britain	291,939
Ditto in Ireland	25,614
Ditto in our Foreign Stations	48,304
Under the care of the British and Irish Conferences ...	365,857
Under the care of the American Conferences	619,771
Under the care of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Upper Canada	14,930
Total number of members in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World, exclusive of regular travelling Preachers who are statedly employed in the work of the ministry	1,000,558

N.B. The number of regular travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, is as follows, viz.:

In Great Britain,		
Regular Preachers	798	
Supernumerary and Superannuated	124	
		922
In Ireland,		
Regular Preachers stationed in the Circuits ...	86	
Missionaries	24	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	38	
		148
In the Foreign Stations,		
Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the List (besides the 24 Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible)	232	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	4	
		236
In the American Connexion in 1833,		
Regular Preachers in Circuits, and Missionaries to the Indians	2232	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	168	
		2,400
In the Upper Canada Connexion		64
Total throughout the World		3,770

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, FOR 1855.

CIRCUITS	Number in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Superannuated Collection Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Emigrations.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1 Dublin	1292	153	4	6	57	0	0	41	13	6	52	0	0	26
2 Drogheda and Dundalk	370	18	10	0	13	15	0	1	16	0	11	0	0	
3 Wicklow	300	9	0	0	6	0	0	1	11	6	5	10	0	
4 Waterford	270	26	0	0	11	2	8	8	13	0	15	0	0	6
5 Carlow	350	14	0	0	8	2	2	4	7	6	6	16	0	
6 Newtownbarry	355	8	9	6	4	12	6	3	12	6	5	10	6	10
7 Wexford	256	11	10	0	6	18	8	2	7	0	6	15	0	4
8 Cork and Cove	545	64	8	4	14	11	3	24	10	6	25	1	0	20
9 Bandon	560	27	10	0	12	16	0	14	10	0	26	1	6	19
10 Skibbereen	440	9	10	0	2	16	0	1	11	6	2	10	0	
11 Tralee	179	11	12	6	3	4	9	1	14	11	5	1	6	26
12 Limerick	565	34	10	0	11	5	5	15	16	0	22	0	0	4
13 Roscrea	183	10	0	0	9	1	6	5	0	0	5	7	6	
14 Cloughjordan	183	6	5	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	2	3
15 Tullamore	209	8	2	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	5	8	6	
16 Mountrath and Maryborough	388	8	10	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	3	18	0	8
17 Longford	180	5	7	11	4	8	6	1	15	0	3	0	0	11
18 Sligo	385	10	10	0	6	12	0	3	10	0	7	5	0	6
19 Castlebar	140	5	0	0	2	15	5	2	1	0	4	0	0	
20 Ballina	357	6	0	0	4	0	0	1	11	6	3	17	0	7

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, FOR 1835.

CIRCUITS.	Number in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund			Superannuated Collection Fund.			Chapel Fund			Emigrations.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
21 Clones	828	7	1	9	3	12	3	2	1	8	6	3	6	10
22 Castleblayney	236	2	1	9	1	14	5	1	11	6	2	3	10	3
23 Killeshandra and Boyle	750	6	12	6	4	1	6	1	11	6	1	14	6	6
24 Monaghan	572	5	4	0	3	0	0	1	11	6	3	0	0	
25 Enniskillen	1081	6	3	0	2	13	1	1	13	0	5	3	6	6
26 Brookborough	741	5	10	0	2	4	4	1	11	6	2	9	0	19
27 Manorhamilton	721	5	16	6	1	12	0	1	11	6	2	0	0	9
28 Irvinestown	1430	7	0	0	3	4	10	2	0	0	2	4	0	16
29 Londonderry	305	7	5	0	6	2	8	2	5	0	4	17	5	4
30 Strabane	285	3	0	0	1	5	0	1	11	6	1	5	0	
31 Omagh	905	8	12	3	2	2	10	1	11	6	1	16	8	9
32 Belfast	820	35	16	8	23	0	9	16	2	0	22	15	6	20
33 Donaghadee	437	7	5	1	3	2	10	1	17	0	4	1	3	7
34 Carrickfergus	345	5	14	6	4	10	6	1	11	6	6	8	3	5
35 Coleraine	500	6	4	0	6	14	0	1	16	6	6	0	0	
36 Lisburn	441	4	0	0	6	0	9	2	10	0	3	0	0	10
37 Newry	863	5	2	10	5	4	0	1	15	0	3	0	0	
38 Dungannon	540	5	3	6	2	15	1	1	11	6	3	5	6	
39 Armagh	760	8	10	0	8	0	0	2	15	0	6	0	0	10
40 Lurgan	771	10	0	8	6	8	6	3	0	0	10	7	0	8
41 Moira and Dromore	505	4	7	3	4	2	6	1	19	0	3	11	0	2
42 Tanderagee	00	8	5	0	5	18	0	4	11	0	9	16	1	

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, FOR 1835.

MISSION STATIONS.	Number in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Superannuated Collection Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Emigrations.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1 Lucan and Trim	138	2	2	0	5	16	6	1	11	6	1	12	0	5
2 Youghal and Fermoy	218	5	2	0	2	5	10	1	15	0	8	8	2	8
3 Kenmare	61	1	4	0	1	10	4	1	12	0	2	2	8	
4 Killaloe and Ennis	86	3	4	6	2	4	9	1	11	6	2	8	6	
5 Tarbert and Kilrush	60	1	7	6	1	1	0	1	12	6	1	2	6	
6 Ballinasloe and Galway	246	2	14	0	2	1	9	2	4	0	2	4	6	1
7 Moate, Co. Westmeath	85	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	11	6	0	12	0	4
8 Cavan	292	5	6	9	3	4	6	1	11	6	1	18	0	12
9 Donegal	833	5	0	0	3	10	0	1	13	0	4	1	0	
10 Letterkenny, Stranorlar, &c.	228	2	11	10	1	6	4	2	2	0	2	0	0	10
11 Newtownlimavaddy & Aughadoey	254	1	15	6	1	10	1	1	15	0	1	10	2	6
12 Magherafelt	570	3	12	9	1	15	0	1	13	0	2	12	4	10
13 Ballymena and Antrim	172	1	5	2	1	9	6	1	11	6	0	14	2	4
14 Hyde Park	240	2	18	3	1	15	6	1	11	6	2	1	6	
15 Comber and Portaferry	199	1	17	0	1	11	2	1	11	6	1	3	0	13
16 Barony of Lecale	162	1	17	4	2	6	6	1	11	6	1	7	6	4
Total	26037	655	17	7	332	19	11	228	10	7	366	4	8	371

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GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	25	7	11
To Grant from Contingent Fund ...	650	0	0
To do. from the Auxiliary Fund ...	250	0	0
To amount of Yearly Collection £655 17*s.* 7*d.* additional £34 9*s* 9*d.*	690	7	4
To donation from James Hill, Esq., per Rev. Thomas Waugh	90	0	0
To do. from Henry Cornwall, Esq., per Rev. Fossey Tackaberry...	100	0	0
To do. from a friend, per Rev. Thomas Waugh	15	0	0
To Mrs. Sheil's Legacy	3	13	6
To Missionary Balance	281	8	1
	£2105	16	10

Per Contra Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By allowance to the Districts ...	1755	0	0
By Grant to Limerick	55	2	4
By amount as per agreement with Mr. Lamb, as an equivalent for the future claims of his children 80*l*, expenses 19*s*.	80	19	0
By Miscellanies	74	14	0
By Balance	140	1	6
	£2105	16	10

N.B. The sums annexed have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Preachers Legalized Fund:—

Subscription from James Hill, Esq. per Rev. T. Waugh ...	£10	0	0
Legacy from Mrs. Deaves	11	8	0

The Annual Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The season has again arrived when it becomes our pleasing duty to address you, and to renew our expressions of that confidence and affection which we hope shall ever be cherished by us.

The kindness of your reply to our last Address excited in our minds feelings of sincere satisfaction. We are indeed your debtors in the Lord; and though painfully conscious of our inability to make any adequate returns, yet we feel it a duty to acknowledge your many acts of kindness, and rejoice to recognize in you all the genuine characteristics of fathers, brethren, and friends in Christ.

The extensive success with which the Lord of the harvest has crowned your labours in the sister country, and generally throughout your widely-spread Connexion, has been to us matter of devout thanksgiving to Almighty God; and we feel assured, that so long as you preach the same doctrines "in simplicity and godly sincerity," and exercise the same wholesome discipline, a continuance of that success will be vouchsafed you, and in a degree still more abundant.

In this less favoured island, among other hinderances, we have had frequently to regret the spirit of emigration, by which our societies have been annually drained of their members and resources. This year nearly eight hundred of our people, and many of them holding important public offices, have emigrated, (chiefly to Canada,) and in several instances whole congregations have been by this means scattered. It is our consolation, however, that though their loss impoverishes us, they, for the most part, are gone to enrich other portions of the church of God under your care.

Notwithstanding this and the other formidable obstacles which obstruct our progress, we have cause for gratitude to Almighty God, that, after filling up all vacancies, we

have an increase of more than twelve hundred members. The general aspect of our affairs is cheering, and we pray for, and expect, still increasing prosperity.

A pledge of this we have enjoyed in the spirit of unanimity which prevailed among the brethren during the sittings of our Conference. Never were we more "like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind," nor more fully influenced by a spirit of christian determination to "hold forth the word of life."

In common with you, and with christians of all denominations, we rejoice in the recent triumph, of principle and truth over selfishness and error, by the emancipation of the slaves of the West India Colonies; and in the facilities thereby afforded for Missionary exertions, now rendered increasingly necessary to secure to our fellow-subjects all the hoped-for and lasting benefits of that righteous act. We have contemplated with gratitude and pleasure the manner in which your special appeal has been responded to by your societies, and by the christian public, though we regret that we were not able more generally to participate in the success of that effort. The taking into connexion with yourselves the Canadian Conference, on a plan somewhat similar to that by which we stand related to you, has also afforded us much pleasure. We anticipate great advantages from the union to the widely-extended and scattered colonies of our countrymen, who were once members of our societies here; and we trust, that, while among them the work of God becomes more firmly established, it will accelerate your efforts to christianize the Aborigines of those extensive regions.

The plan of an Institution for the literary and theological improvement of the junior Preachers has our cordial and unanimous approbation; and we sincerely hope, that, when matured and brought into full operation, it will give general satisfaction, and obtain liberal support. We have long been convinced of the necessity, in the advanced state of the society, of something of the kind; and we are persuaded, that, under the blessing of the Almighty, it will conduce to furnish our churches with "workmen that need not to be ashamed," capable of "rightly dividing" and dispensing the "word of truth,"

Knowing that Wesleyan Methodism has always been characterized by its anti-sectarianism and its catholic spirit, we reflect with pleasure on the fact, that you have, as a body, steadfastly declined all participation in recent political movements, respecting the ecclesiastical affairs of the nation; and we assure you, that this laudable example has been imitated by your brethren in Ireland.

The Missionary Deputations in the spring, consisting of the Rev. David M'Nicoll and the Rev. Abraham Stead to the North, and of the Rev. John Scott and the Rev. Robert Young to the South, were highly acceptable to us and our people; and by their pulpit and platform labours, the Missionary cause has been essentially served. And here we would affectionately urge, that the time allowed to the brethren who shall visit us on similar occasions in future may, if possible, be lengthened.

The Mission Schools connected with our body are becoming increasingly efficient, under the superintendence of your highly esteemed agent, the Rev. Elijah Hoole; and we unite in requesting his re-appointment to this important station.

The addition of ten Scripture Readers, in connexion with our Circuits and Missions, has increased the weight of our obligations to you, and holds out the promise of much spiritual advantage to our country: we apprehend no difficulty in furnishing suitable persons; and we have every reason to hope that this species of instrumentality, so well suited to the circumstances of this land, will, by its efficiency, fully justify your Missionary Committee in the adoption of the plan, and in a still more extended application of it.

The unaffected piety, judicious counsels, and godly ministry of our venerated President, the Rev. Richard Treffry, have greatly endeared him to us and our people. As to his eminently gifted companion, the Rev. Robert Newton, we find it difficult to express our feelings of cordial attachment; his praise has been long in our churches, and every successive visit tends to raise him in the estimation of our people, and of the public. We pray God long to continue his useful life and ministry to our connexion.

To the Rev. John Beecham also we feel much indebted[illegible]

The kind interest he evinced in everything which related to the success of Methodism, and especially of our Missions in this country, and the advantages derived from his public ministrations and private intercourse, have given him a high place in our esteem and affection.

We have appointed our beloved brethren, the Rev. Thomas Waugh and the Rev. William Reilly, our Representatives to your Conference, brethren who have long enjoyed our fullest confidence.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Signed, in behalf and by order of the Conference,

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 11th, 1834.

THE ANSWER OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,

It is with an affecting sense of the reality of that spiritual relation, and of those ties of holy brotherhood, which render our distinct Connexions one family in Christ, that we proceed to answer the Address which has been presented to us by our esteemed brethren, the Rev. Messrs. Waugh and Reilly, your able and faithful Representatives. We feel that our yearly intercourse, by reciprocal addresses and deputations, is not a matter of mere form and courtesy, but an interesting and useful communication of our sincere and mutual sentiments, as friends, brethren, and fathers. The world, which knoweth us not, because it knoweth not Him who is the first-born among many brethren, does not and cannot discern the strength of those soft, invisible bonds; the truth, the

depth, and extent of those fraternal sympathies which unite the living members of British Methodism. With solemn delight we hail the unabated and unaffected manifestations of that blessed sign of spiritual life, love to the brethren; and we rejoice to know that, as in the varied forms of animated being, so in the genuine branches of the True Vine, life is a preservative from corruption and decay. That infused life, which nourishes and invigorates, and fructifies our kindred branches of that spiritual tree, was imparted at first by Him whose inspiring breath made the first man become a living soul. The same divine energy which upheaved these islands from under the mighty waters, is the unsearchable, everlasting source of that hidden life which animates our united Connexions in their work of faith and labour of love. And we participate with you in the sure conviction that, while we retain the vital spirit of personal holiness, while we faithfully preach that word which is spirit and life, and while with tenderness and fidelity we feed and watch "the flock of God which is among" us, no adversary shall be able to harm us, but incessant and increasing spiritual prosperity will attend our labour in the Lord.

Our general circumstances, at the present Conference, are somewhat different from those in which we received your Address of last year; but not less full of christian consolations, hopes and blessings. Our bereavements have not been so costly and appalling. The most eminent among our lately departed fathers and brethren had been previously withdrawn from the effective ranks of our division of the church militant. Others who, like them, had been constrained by the infirmities of honourable age to retire from our itinerancy, are yet spared in the midst of us, to enlighten us by their wisdom, to help us by their prayers, to encourage us by a visible exemplification of that calmly glorious beauty of holiness, with which the path of the just shines on to the perfect day. In other respects also, our present situation presents less of painful interest than the events which impressed us at the last Conference. Without the awful instrumentality of the destroying pestilence which had then been so signally employed to awaken and convert multitudes of our fellow-

sinners, the past year has been mercifully distinguished by a rich outpouring of convincing and saving influence. The impressions of awe and terror produced by the mysterious inflictions of that scourge of God, have been inevitably diminished by the gradual operation of time; but tens of thousands among our societies retain the blessed effect of those salutary alarms, and have continued to walk in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost. Hitherto we have not been tempted to inquire, Is the Lord among us or not? His protecting and animating presence is sensibly in the midst of us. The clear increase of our societies in Great Britain is twelve thousand and nine members, and in the Missionary stations, two thousand five hundred and eighteen; making with your increase of one thousand two hundred and eleven, a total addition of fifteen thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight souls to the flock of which the Great Shepherd hath made us overseers. In connexion with these palpable instances of our success, we have delightful concord amongst ourselves, as follow-labourers; progressive improvement in our various funds and institutions; cheerful liberality on the part of our societies and congregations, who, in their prompt response to the special appeal in behalf of the West Indian Missions, and to the call more recently made upon their bounty for the restoration of the ruined chapels in those colonies, have not disappointed our confidence in their readiness to every good work.

We rejoice that in the Irish Connexion, as we learn from your Address, and from the testimony of our brethren who were deputed to assist at some of your Missionary Anniversaries, you are enabled to go forward in your holy and benevolent enterprizes, in the name of Him "whom having not seen ye love; and in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." We are glad on your account, on account of the kingdom and glory of our common Lord, and on account of the precious souls that by your instrumentality have been rescued from the bondage of Satan, and assisted to flee from the wrath to come, that, after filling up the vacancies occasioned by deaths, backslidings, and large emigrations, more than twelve

hundred members have been added to your societies. Our brethren who were deputed to attend your Missionary Anniversaries have taken knowledge of you, that, wisely considering the peculiar state of society in your interesting country, the preachers of your Connexion are endeavouring, without irritating controversy, to explain and enforce the essential truths of the gospel; and that this plan of operation is practically pursued with great prudence and patience, and with the most beneficial and gratifying effects. They have observed with joy the Missionary spirit, the improving finances, the cordial co-operation, the spirituality and self-denial, the well-principled fidelity, and the indefatigable labours of our Irish brethren; and while they acknowledge the propriety and utility of reciprocal deputations, to preserve and cultivate the christian amity of the two Connexions, they also bear testimony to your ample sufficiency of native talent, for all needful advocacy of the claims and objects of Wesleyan Missions. It is gratifying to us to learn that the experiment of the past year in employing a limited number of Scripture Readers, has been so successful; and that there will be so little difficulty in extending the system in proportion to any pecuniary support which can be set apart for that purpose.

The general affairs of Wesleyan Methodism at home and abroad, in regard to the present condition and apparent prospects of our societies and institutions, are such as to make it our duty and privilege to thank God, and take courage. Our new relations with the Conference of Upper Canada, as well as our enlarged Missionary operations in the West India Colonies, now legally delivered from the complicated impediments and perplexities of slavery, are proceeding on the whole in a satisfactory manner; and numerous remarkable openings and invitations to heathen countries beckon us, as with the finger of visible Providence, to go forth more fully to the deliverance of semi-barbarous nations in regions beyond the pale of christianity who have discovered that they are in gross darkness, and are crying to us for the light of life. In reference to some outbreakings of political restlessness, which seemed to menace our internal peace and unity, we thankfully

We have appointed our highly-esteemed President, the

Rev. Joseph Taylor, to preside at your next annual assembly, and have requested our beloved brethren, the Rev. Robert Newton, our Secretary, and the Rev. Jabez Bunting, the Senior Secretary of our Missions, to accompany the President in his visit to your Conference. We have also appointed as a deputation, to assist at your Missionary Anniversaries, the Rev. Messrs. Jonathan Crowther and Murray, for the north, and the Rev. Messrs. Atherton and Duncan, for the south of Ireland; and, in accordance with the request contained in your Address, we have re-appointed the Rev. Elijah Hoole as our agent for Irish Missions and Schools.

The Rev. Thomas Waugh and the Rev. William Reilly are received by us, both as our brethren and as your Representatives, with sincere respect and cordial affection; and their impressive statements concerning your affairs, and especially concerning the condition and prospects of the work of God among you, have been heard with sentiments of deep christian sympathy.

Finally, Brethren, we pray for you, for ourselves and for the societies and congregations of our united Connexions, "that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men." And "now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

JOSEPH TAYLOR, *President.*
ROBERT NEWTON, *Secretary.*

London, August 13, 1834.

Address of the Conference to the Members of the Methodist Societies in Ireland.

Beloved Brethren in Christ,

The Great Head of the Church having called us, in the order of his all-gracious providence, to minister unto you the word of life, and to watch over your spiritual interests, as those who must give an account, we feel ourselves bound by the sacred obligations of our calling, in our collective character, thus to address you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We commenced our annual Conference on the morning of Friday, 3rd July, at 6 o'clock, by public prayer; many of the Lord's people united with us in the holy exercise, at that hour, and also at noon. The divine presence was very graciously manifested on these occasions, and our hearts were much encouraged in the Lord.

We feel happy in informing you that, while proceeding with our regular business, in all our various sittings, a very blessed measure of the spirit of uniting love prevailed amongst us; and, with great satisfaction and joy in God, we were led to contemplate the growing stability and vigour of our religious Connexion in Ireland. After filling up all vacancies occasioned by declensions, expulsions and deaths, there is an increase this year of four hundred and twenty-three members, besides more than three hundred who have emigrated to distant lands. There is also a considerable improvement in every branch of our financial system.

Brethren, we long to be made instrumental in conferring on you still greater good; we long to see the vineyard of the Lord more abundant in the fruits of righteousness; to see more numerous instances of the awakening and conversion of sinners unto God, and the delightful growth in holiness of those who have already believed.

The question, "What can be done more effectually to promote the prosperity of the work of God in our Societies?" came under our most serious consideration.

We felt ourselves as under the eye of Him who searches the heart and tries the reins; our souls were humbled before Him. Many highly valuable observations were made by some of the senior Preachers, respecting the vast importance of our being diligent in the exercise of mental culture, of labouring industriously in the acquirement of useful knowledge, especially the knowledge of divine things, of being faithful in the fulfilment of all our ministerial and pastoral duties, of being "instant in season and out of season," and of giving attendance to reading, to meditation, and to prayer, that our profiting may appear to all, remembering the words of the apostle, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." We can truly say, that we were never more fully resolved, through divine assistance, to devote ourselves wholly unto God and his work, than at the present time.

And now, Brethren, suffer from us the word of exhortation, we are anxious for your spiritual prosperity. Earnestly contend for the faith, not only in doctrine, but also in experience and practice. Rest not in the theory, the form and profession of Christianity; seek to have the old man crucified with Christ, to have the Holy Spirit abiding within you, "and press towards the mark for the prize of your high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

A faithful attendance on all the ordinances of Christianity, a constant and careful use of all the means of grace, are of the utmost importance to your advancement in the power of godliness. For who can prosper in the spiritual life, and be neglectful of the duties of the closet, the ministry of the Gospel, meetings for prayer, for Christian fellowship, and for commemorating our Saviour's redeeming love.

We strongly recommend the regular observance of family worship, that God may be honoured in every house, by reading his word, singing his praise, and supplicating his throne each morning and each evening.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." No other exercises are right to be performed on that sacred day, but such as piety, and mercy, and indispensable necessity

require. Encourage Sabbath schools in every place; superintend and manage them with a pure design to promote scriptural instruction. Let the utmost care be taken of the rising generation, so that they be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Guard against conformity to the world in dress, in spirit, and in manner. By sobriety, by industry, by integrity, by kindness, and by abounding in charity to all mankind, adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another," remembering the words of our Great Master, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

We earnestly advise you, not only to abstain from the use of ardent spirits yourselves, but to adopt every judicious method you can, to discountenance their use by others, as being so highly injurious to the morals of our countrymen.

This year three of our aged and venerable brethren, the Rev. Messrs. Archibald Murdoch, Charles Mayne, and William Douglas, retire from the regular work. Our hearts are affected when we see veterans retiring from the field; they still live in our best affections; through the divine goodness others are raised up to fill the ranks. Eight young men of promise are received on trial, three of whom are to supply the places of those who have retired, one in the place of the Rev. Samuel Jones, who is called to be Classical Tutor in the Theological Institution, and three are additional, who were granted in compliance with very urgent demands, to places where it appeared to us necessary to preserve and advance the interests of religion. Other places requested an increase of labourers, but at present they could not be granted.

Our President, the Rev. Joseph Taylor, and his companions from England, the Rev. Robert Alder and the Rev. Elijah Hoole, have ministered to overflowing congregations, the gospel of Christ, with great spiritual profit to those who heard them. Their wise counsels in Conference, also have been highly beneficial to our body.

We feel enlarged expectations that this ensuing year of

our labours shall be crowned remarkably with the divine blessing. We affectionately and confidently call on our greatly beloved brethren, the Local Preachers and Leaders, to put forth their best energies, to co-operate with us in our endeavours to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

"Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified." May the Holy Spirit be poured out on you abundantly, and may "the Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you as he hath promised you."

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

Belfast, July 9th, 1835.

DUBLIN, July 1st, 1836.

Q. 1. What Preachers are this year admitted into FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

Abraham Kerr, Benjamin Bayly, Henry Geddes, Samuel Cowdy, Jeremiah Wilson.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

James Murdoch, John Foster, Thomas Beamish.

These have travelled three years.

A. Henry Johnston Giles, Edward Martin Banks, William Parker Appelbe, John Boyle Bennett, William Arthur Darby, John Liddy, Armstrong Halliday.

These have travelled two years.

George Vance, Hugh Moore, Thomas Hickey, George Grant, John Hughes, Robert Hamilton 1st, John Farrell, Robinson Scott.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers are now RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

A. Robert Black, William M'Garvey, Robert Hamilton 2nd, James Kennedy, Robert Wallace, Simpson Morrison, Patrick Henley.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since last Conference?

A. FRANCIS ARMSTRONG. He was a native of the county Fermanagh. In his youth he was awakened and brought to the knowledge of God by the ministry of the Methodists. A short time after his conversion, he began to call sinners to repentance in his native place, where his labours were owned of God; in the year 1787, he was called into the public ministry, and, with short interruptions, he continued to travel till the year 1822. When no longer able to do the regular work of a circuit, he became a supernumerary and settled at Rathmullen, on the Rathmelton mission, where he continued to labour as his health permitted, in holding prayer-meetings, in conducting sunday schools, and preaching occasionally, rendering himself both beloved and useful. In him were united great sweetness of temper with firmness and decision of character; he was regular in his attention to every part of his work; his sermons were plain, experimental, and useful; his piety sincere and uniform; his friendship discriminating and unshaken. In old age he exemplified the purity and power of that religion which he so long professed, and after a short but severe illness, he died, truly happy in God, June the 3rd, aged eighty years.

2. ROBERT CRANSTON. He was born in the county Cavan, August 1, 1785. In very early life, he was deeply convinced of sin, and was made happy in the Divine favour in his fifteenth year, when he received the Spirit of adoption, and never till his death lost that inestimable blessing. When eighteen years old, he was called to exercise the office of class-leader, and shortly after became a local preacher. In 1811 he commenced his itinerancy among us, to which for sixteen years he laboriously and faithfully attended, when, in consequence of bodily infir-

tion, he was under the painful necessity of retiring from the public ministry, and becoming a supernumerary. He preached as often as his state of weakness permitted. Though manifestly under great debility, he attended our Conference in Belfast last year, till towards its close; and after a few days severe illness, he, on the 12th of July, expired in his fiftieth year, leaving behind him an amiable widow and three sons, to lament their irreparable loss. He was a man of sound understanding and deep piety; an acceptable and profitable preacher. His last sufferings were so severe, that he was prevented from speaking to his friends who visited him, but he was evidently very happy; and before he breathed his last, he was able to pronounce a blessing on each member of his family, and, then, in the full triumph of faith, he resigned his spirit into the hands of his divine and gracious Redeemer.

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are our Preachers STATIONED for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz:—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1 *Dublin*, Robert Masaroon, James B. Gillman, Thomas Beamish, Thomas Hickey; Charles Mayne, who resides at *Kingstown*, Michael Murphy, William Smith, William Ferguson, James Bell, Archibald Campbell, Supernumeraries.

2 *Drogheda*, Fossey Tackaberry, Robert Huston.

3 *Dundalk and Castleblayney*, Henry Deery, Jeremiah Wilson.

4 *Wicklow*, John Hadden, William Burnside; Alexander Moore, George M'Elwain, Supernumeraries.

HENRY DEERY, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

5 *Waterford*, Thomas W. Doolittle, James Tobias; Samuel Wood, Supernumerary.

6 *Carlow*, Robert Bruce, John Liddy; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
7 *Newtownbarry*, Richard Phillips, John Harrington; John Clendinnen, Supernumerary.
8 *Wexford and Enniscorthy*, Robert Beauchamp, James Hughes, William A. Darby.

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Chairman of the District.*

III. THE CORK DISTRICT.

9 *Cork & Cove*, William Stewart, John F. Mathews; Daniel Pedlow, Joshua Harman, Supernumeraries.
10 *Bandon*, William Reilly, Samuel Kyle; Andrew Hamilton, jun., who resides at Clonakilty, Andrew Hamilton, sen., George Stephenson, Supernumeraries.
11 *Skibbereen*, William Richey, George Grant.
12 *Tralee*, Daniel M'Afee.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

13 *Limerick*, John Howe, Frederick P. Le Maitre.
14 *Roscrea*, John Rogers, William P. Appelbe; Francis Russell, Supernumerary.
15 *Cloughjordan*, John Saul; Patrick Ffrench, Supernumerary.

JOHN HOWE, *Chairman of the District.*

V. THE TULLAMORE DISTRICT.

16 *Tullamore*, William Crook, William Cather.
17 *Mountrath & Maryborough*, James Johnston, Patrick Henley; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
18 *Longford*, Nathaniel Hobart, William Mulloy; Archibald Murdoch, Thomas Lougheed, Richard Price, Supernumeraries.

WILLIAM CROOK, *Chairman of the District.*

VI. THE SLIGO DISTRICT.

19 *Sligo*, Richard T. Tracy, Edward M. Banks.

20 *Castlebar*, John Holmes, George Vance.
21 *Ballina*, Samuel Downing, William M'Garvey.
22 *Boyle*, James C. Pratt.
RICHARD T. TRACY, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. THE CLONES DISTRICT.

23 *Clones*, William Foote, Robert Hamilton 1st; William Hamilton, Supernumerary.
24 *Killeshandra*, John Wiggins, Hugh Moore.
25 *Monaghan*, Michael Burrows, Simpson Morrison; William Armstrong, sen., Supernumerary.
MICHAEL BURROWS, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

26 *Enniskillen*, Thomas Meredith, John S. Wilson, James Kennedy; Robert Crozier, Supernumerary.
27 *Brookborough*, James M'Cutcheon, Henry Lucy.
28 *Manorhamilton*, James Henry, John Hughes.
29 *Irvinestown*, James Rutledge, John Campbell; William Douglas, Supernumerary.
30 *Ballyshannon & Pettigo*, James Lynch, William Kidd; John C. Irvine, Supernumerary.
JAMES RUTLEDGE, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

31 *Londonderry*, Henry Price, Robinson Scott.
32 *Strabane*, John Williams, Robert Black; Charles M'Cord, Castor Clements, Supernumeraries.
33 *Omagh*, Edward Hazelton, John Jebb; John M'Arthur, Robert Carson, Robert Wilson, Supernumeraries.
EDWARD HAZELTON, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

34 *Belfast*, Thomas Waugh, Thomas T. N. Hull, John B. Bennett; Thomas Ridgeway, Matthew Tobias, Thomas Brown, Supernumeraries.

35 *Donaghadee*, John Nash, William Hoey; Matthew Lanktree, Supernumerary.
36 *Carrickfergus*, John Greer, John Foster.
37 *Coleraine*, James Patterson, Armstrong Halliday; John Dinnen, Supernumerary.
38 *Magherafelt*, John Nesbitt, John Farrell; John Remmington, Supernumerary.
39 *Lisburn*, William Armstrong, Henry J. Giles.

THOMAS WAUGH, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

40 *Newry*, John Carey, Edward Harpur.
41 *Dungannon*, John Waugh, Robert Bamford.
42 *Armagh*, Robert Jessop, James Murdoch; Alexander Sturgeon, Supernumerary.
43 *Lurgan*, Claudius Byrne, William Lupton.
44 *Moira & Dromore*, James Carter, David Waugh.
45 *Tanderagee*, John Hill, Robert Hamilton 2nd; John Wilson, Supernumerary.
46 *Portadown*, John Nelson, Abraham Kerr.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

MISSIONARY STATIONS,

with the Districts to which they are respectively attached.

1 *Lucan & Trim*, James Olliffe, Gideon Ouseley.
2 *Bailieborough*, William G. Campbell.—Dublin District.
3 *Kilkenny & Tipperary*, James Sullivan (who shall give one Sunday in each month to Bonleagh, on the Mountrath Circuit.) —Waterford District.
4 *Youghal*, Thomas Ballard.
5 *Fermoy & Mallow*, Arthur Noble (who shall change once in eight weeks with the Youghal Missionary.)
6 *Kenmare*, William Starkey.—Cork District.
7 *Killaloe & Ennis*, Samuel Cowdy.
8 *Tarbert & Kilrush*, Charles M'Cormick.—Limerick District.

9 *Galway,* Robert H. Lindsay.
10 *Athlone & Ballinasloe,* George Burrows, Henry Geddes.—Tullamore District.
11 *Cavan,* William Keys, Francis Stephens.—Clones District.
12 *Donegal,* Samuel M'Dowell, John Feely.—Enniskillen District.
13 *Rathmelton, Letterkenny & Stranorlar,* William Cornwall.
14 *Newtownlimavaddy and Aughadoey,* Edward Cobain, William Finley.—Londonderry District.
15 *Portrush,* John Armstrong.
16 *Ballymena & Antrim,* William Guard.
17 *Hyde Park,* Benjamin Bayly. (Letters to be directed to Belfast.)
18 *Downpatrick & Comber,* Edward Johnston, Robert Wallace.—Belfast District.

Q. 7. What is the number of Members in our Societies?

A. Twenty-six thousand four hundred and thirty-four, being an increase of three hundred and ninety-eight.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year amounted to five hundred and twenty-two.

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Seven hundred and five pounds, seven shillings and tenpence, and thirty-five pounds, thirteen shillings and threepence, being a total of seven hundred and forty-one pounds, one shilling and one penny.

Any deficiency in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year shall be considered a deficiency of the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 9. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two hundred and fifty-four pounds, seventeen shillings and fivepence.

Q. 10. What is the amount of the Collection towards the education of the Preachers' children?

A. Three hundred and thirty-one pounds, fourteen shillings and tenpence.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund collection?

A. Three hundred and eighty-six pounds and twopence.

The Conference requests special attention to the following recommendation of the Chapel Fund Committee.

"The design intended to be effected by the Chapel Fund, having in a great degree failed; because, though some Circuits have been very liberal in their contributions, several have done little in supporting it, whilst by the rule they have been exempted from applications on behalf of building or relieving chapels, it is recommended,

"That in future no Circuit shall be so exempted unless it raise annually one half of the sum required by the original rules of the Chapel Fund."

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Missionary Collection?

A. Three thousand eight hundred and eighteen pounds, five shillings and fivepence.

Q. 13. How many wives and children are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-two wives, one hundred and thirty-five children for maintenance, and eighty-one children for education.

Q. 14. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the Districts, aided by the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz:—

DISTRICTS.	Number in Society.	Amount for support of wives, maintenance, and education of children.	Grant from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin	2119	£198 13 1	£133 10 0
2 Waterford	1249	117 1 11	115 10 0
3 Cork	1934	181 6 3	106 10 0
4 Limerick	934	87 11 3	85 10 0
5 Tullamore	784	73 10 0	133 10 0
6 Sligo	1115	104 10 8	88 0 0
7 Clones	1851	173 10 7	173 10 0
8 Enniskillen	4341	406 19 4	348 10 0
9 Londonderry	1525	142 19 5	163 0 0
10 Belfast	3306	309 18 9	209 0 0
11 Newry	4120	386 5 0	293 10 0
	23278*	2182 6 3	1850 0 0

* The above number is that contained on the circuits, exclusive of the mission stations. The present number in Society on the Roscrea circuit is 309; on the Cloughjordan circuit, 160; on the Magherafelt circuit, for many years a mission station, 710; in the Dungannon circuit, 555; and in the Armagh circuit, 638.

The sum of One thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1837, and it has been divided among the respective Districts, according to their circumstances, to aid them in meeting their demands, which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

Q. 15. What Chapels are to be built this year?

A. One at Redcross, on the Wicklow circuit; Dunmanway, on the Bandon circuit; Lisacaha, on the Skibbereen circuit; Kenmare, on the Kenmare mission; Tempo, and in Claboy, on the Brookborough circuit; Drumkeerin, on the Manorhamilton circuit; Belfast, on the Belfast circuit; Dungannon, on the Dungannon circuit; Bluestone, on the Lurgan circuit; Kilkenny, on the Kilkenny mission; Galway, on the Galway mission; Cavan, on the Cavan mission.

Q. 16. Who are the Building Committee, without whose previous consent obtained in writing, no chapel, whether large or small, is to be erected, purchased, or enlarged, during the year?

A. The Preachers of the Dublin Circuit, with Messrs. William Kent, Arthur Williams, James Deale, Arthur Jones, and Isaac Farrell.—James B. Gillman is Secretary to the Committee.

N.B. All letters to be post paid.

Q. 17. Who are the Committee appointed as Trustees for Testamentary or other Deeds relating to donations given for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. William Ferguson, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas W. Doolittle, Thomas Waugh; the receipt of any one of whom shall be sufficient for any bequest.

Q. 16. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to review the concerns of our Missions, previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, John Howe, James Rutledge, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, together with the following thirteen

gentlemen:—James Salter, William Dawson, Edward Robinson, *Cork;* Henry Cornwall, Henry Belcher, *Bandon;* John Busteed, *Tralee;* Thomas Tracy, *Limerick;* Moses Rowe, *Wexford;* Joseph Higgins, *Clonmel;* Abraham Briscoe, Christopher Hamilton, *Dublin;* Frederick Stone, *Sligo;* Alexander Murphy, *Belfast.*

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The following places shall be visited by the English Deputations for the North and South, in the spring of 1837; the North, viz., Clones, Enniskillen, Sligo, Londonderry, Coleraine, Belfast, Lisburn, Donaghadee, Lurgan, Portadown, Aughnacloy, Dungannon, Armagh, Tanderagee, Newry, Dundalk, Dublin. The South, viz., Cork, Bandon, Cashel, Clonmel, Waterford, Wexford, Newtownbarry, Carlow, Maryborough, Killarney, Tralee, Limerick, Borrisokane, Parsonstown, Roscrea, Tullamore, Dublin.

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N.B. The strictest attention to the Holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every candidate for the ministry amongst us, as no one can be received as a Preacher into our Connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the book of God. The attention of the Chairmen is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of our District Meetings.

Q. 23. Who are the Auxiliary Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, William Armstrong, Robert Bruce, the Secretary and the Sub-Secretary of the Conference, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Auxiliary Fund.

No application for aid from this Fund can be admitted by the Committee, unless it be recommended by a District Meeting, and be regularly entered in the District Minutes.

Q. 24. How shall the Yearly Collection Fund be made more productive?

A. Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the Circuits, unless the Yearly Collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulation, viz., to make personal application to every individual in all the classes on his Circuit; and that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

Special attention is directed to the address on this subject, printed by order of Conference.

Q. 25. What are the directions of the Conference respecting our Scripture Readers?

A. That they be directed to keep themselves to their proper work, of reading the Scriptures, and affording familiar instruction in the cottages of the poor; confining themselves to such districts as may be marked out for them by their superintendent; that they be required to be engaged in this work more or less every day; seeking every opportunity of access to the uninstructed part of the population; not allowing any other method of usefulness to interfere with the performance of this their proper duty, as set forth in the twelfth regulation.

Q. 26. What can be done more effectually to promote the prosperity of the work of God in our Societies?

A. This inquiry originated a most important conversation on the state and prospects of the work of God in Ireland, and the various duties and labours devolving upon the preacher, the efficient discharge of which are so essential through the Divine blessing to its prosperity. The sentiments expressed on that occasion, and the gracious influence resting upon the Conference, were eminently calculated to make the most deep and lasting impressions, and lead to very successful results in every circuit and station in the ensuing year.

A. The Conference recommends to all the Preachers increased attention to mental improvement, to read such works as are best calculated to give information on those subjects which are connected with the important work of the christian ministry; especially to give unremitting attention to the study of the Holy Scriptures, that, as men of God they may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works; in their ministry to preach fully and faithfully all those leading and important doctrines, which God has so graciously owned from the commencement of Methodism.

The Conference earnestly recommends that, as ministers, we should, in deep humility and unreserved devotion, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to God and his work; that we should attend more faithfully and laboriously than ever to the preaching of the word of life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeemer, and urging upon believers the attainment of a full salvation; visiting our people from house to house, preaching

more frequently in the mornings and in the open air; meeting all the classes regularly, and securing such time for the quarterly visitations as will enable us to speak to each member, as the case may require, and diligently applying ourselves to the important work of meeting and catechizing the children of our people, and congregations, and preaching occasional sermons for their improvement and spiritual instruction.

It is recommended that the Preachers frequently address the Societies after preaching, meet and converse with the leaders on the state of their respective classes, give all encouragement to prayer meetings, embrace opportunities of preaching in private houses, wherever a congregation can be collected, and appoint preaching on the week-day evenings, at such an hour that the people shall not be kept too late from their habitations.

The Conference recommends the uniform and conscientious observance of all our rules of discipline, and especially urges a particular attention to watch nights, private and public bands, and quarterly days of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, that the Head of the church may pour out His Holy Spirit, that the kingdom of our God and of His Christ may be extended and established, by the conversion of sinners and the edification of believers on their most holy faith.

Q. 27. When shall the Financial District Meetings be held?

A. On the last Wednesday in August.

Q. 28. When shall the District Meetings preparatory to the Conference be held?

A. In the first week in May.

Q. 29. Who are appointed our Representatives to the British Conference?

A. William Stewart and Thomas Waugh.

Q. 30. When and where shall the Committees meet preparatory to the ensuing Conference?

A. In Cork, as follows, viz: the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund Committee, on Tuesday, 27th June, at 6 o'clock, A.M.; the Stationing Committee, on Tuesday, 27th June, at 10 o'clock, A.M.; the Committee of Chairmen, on Wednesday, 28th June, at 6 o'clock, A.M.; the Chapel Fund

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N.B. John F. Mathews is directed to attend the ɔetings of the several Committees, to facilitate the busi-ss of the Committees and of the Conference.

Q. 31. When and where shall our next Conference be ld?

A. In Cork, on Friday the 30th June, 1837.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference, at Dublin, this 9th July, 1836.

RICHARD REECE, *President.*
THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

GENERAL VIEW

Of the number of Members and Ministers in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the world, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1835.

Number of members now in Great Britain	290,988
Ditto in Ireland	26,037
Ditto in our Foreign Stations	54,226
Under the care of the British and Irish Conferences ..	371,251
Under the care of the American Conferences ...	638,784
Under the care of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Upper Canada	15,106
Total number of members in the Wesleyan-Methodist Societies throughout the world, exclusive of regular Travelling Preachers, who are statedly employed in the work of the Ministry	1,025,141

The number of regular Travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, is as follows, viz:—

In Great Britain,		
Regular Preachers	832	
Supernumerary and Superannuated ...	120	
		952
In Ireland,		
Regular Preachers, stationed in the Circuits ...	90	
Missionaries	24	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	39	
		153
In the Foreign Stations,		
Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the list (besides the twenty-four Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible),	266	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	2	
		269
In the American Connexion, 1834,		
Regular Preachers in Circuits and Missionaries to the Indians	2,458	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers	167	
		2,625
In the Upper Canada Connexion, ...		73
Total throughout the World		4,071

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1836.

CIRCUITS.	Number in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Missionary Fund.			Emigrants.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1 Dublin	1255	155	0	0	50	0	0	43	0	0	56	0	0	505	13	4	12
2 Drogheda	274	14	10	0	11	10	0	1	12	0	8	8	0	84	18	6	4
3 Dundalk, &c.	337	8	5	0	5	8	6	2	12	0	5	0	0	68	16	9	8
4 Wicklow	253	8	0	0	6	0	0	1	11	6	5	0	0	28	18	0	15
5 Waterford	270	26	0	0	12	5	7	9	2	0	16	0	0	108	18	0	5
6 Carlow	330	16	0	0	8	0	0	5	10	0	8	15	6	86	15	1	2
7 Newtownbarry	380	9	1	6	5	2	3	3	16	6	6	7	1	60	0	1	8
8 Wexford	269	12	0	0	9	0	9	6	0	0	8	2	0	78	2	2	2
9 Cork and Cove	686	73	3	6	14	16	0	29	1	9	26	10	0	222	12	8	20
10 Bandon	665	37	13	6	15	18	10	17	10	0	25	1	3	110	11	6	13
11 Skibbereen	458	10	9	2	1	17	4	3	6	0	3	13	3	57	12	8	15
12 Tralee	175	11	12	6	3	6	0	1	15	0	5	1	10	34	19	2	1
13 Limerick	565	36	10	0	13	0	0	16	10	0	23	0	0	150	8	8	7
14 Roscrea	183	10	0	0	8	18	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	66	12	8	2
15 Cloughjordan	231	8	2	3	4	4	2	2	6	0	4	3	2	50	0	5	
16 Tullamore	210	8	5	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	5	10	6	35	1	2	4
17 Mountrath, &c.	374	8	18	0	3	5	0	2	10	0	4	0	0	56	15	10	6
18 Longford	200	5	9	6	3	10	0	1	12	6	3	2	6	46	6	7	7
19 Sligo	390	11	0	0	5	18	9	4	10	0	9	15	0	56	0	11	2
20 Castlebar	160	5	2	6	4	9	6	2	2	0	4	0	0	30	0	0	5
21 Ballina	359	6	0	0	4	2	0	1	11	6	3	19	6	34	13	7	2
Boyle	206	2	4	0	1	8	0	1	11	6	0	15	0	19	6	7	4

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
23 Clones	800	7 2 0	2 15 2	1 17 6	6 8 1	53 9 11	4
24 Killeshandra	472	4 16 11	2 14 2	1 11 6	1 5 11	16 4 8	44
25 Monaghan	579	5 6 3	3 0 0	1 11 6	3 0 0	39 5 11	10
26 Enniskillen	1104	6 5 0	2 15 0	1 13 0	5 4 0	58 8 11	15
27 Brookborough	800	5 12 3	2 5 6	1 11 6	2 17 3	22 10 3	17
28 Manorhamilton	770	5 17 0	1 13 0	1 11 6	2 0 0	25 5 10	32
29 Irvinestown	934	4 17 2	1 8 5	1 11 6	1 6 0	29 17 7	14
30 Pettigo	733	4 3 2	1 18 5	1 11 6	0 10 0	15 4 3	21
31 Londonderry	275	7 6 9	6 17 11	2 0 0	4 18 11	58 0 0	2
32 Strabane	635	5 16 5	4 16 0	1 12 6	1 10 0	18 0 0	
33 Omagh	615	6 0 0	2 1 7	1 14 6	2 0 0	48 0 10	13
34 Belfast	870	42 10 0	15 0 0	16 12 6	23 11 6	205 17 0	16
35 Donaghadee	428	9 0 6	3 8 0	2 12 0	4 5 0	55 13 7	4
36 Carrickfergus	345	5 14 6	3 13 0	2 0 0	6 9 6	33 14 6	3
37 Coleraine	502	7 4 6	6 12 3	2 0 0	6 12 8	54 6 6	8
38 Lisburn	451	4 10 0	6 12 6	2 12 6	3 5 0	30 1 11	4
39 Newry	350	5 3 0	5 8 0	1 15 0	3 0 0	48 12 2	6
40 Dungannon	545	5 4 0	2 16 0	1 11 6	3 7 0	25 1 3	9
41 Armagh	768	8 14 11	8 10 0	3 0 0	6 10 0	64 17 7	9
42 Lurgan	737	10 1 0	6 10 0	3 0 0	10 7 0	64 17 4	3
43 Moira & Dromore	515	4 15 0	4 1 1	2 0 0	3 16 3	32 18 11	
44 Tanderagee	1325	10 2 0	5 4 11	5 0 0	10 17 2	108 9 9	10

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2 Killedmond	30	1	4	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	10	7	10	
3 Youghal & Fermoy...	186	5	7	6	2	1	8	1	16	6	7	12	9	68	5	5	12
4 Kenmare.....	77	1	4	0	1	11	1	1	12	0	2	0	0	21	16	0	
5 Tarbert, &c.....	103	3	6	6	2	5	6	1	12	0	1	19	6	57	16	5	11
6 Galway.....	114	1	9	5	1	5	0	1	11	6	0	16	4	15	0	0	
7 Athlone, &c.....	231	2	7	6	2	3	0	1	15	2	2	10	0	68	12	5	17
8 Cavan.....	245	5	6	9	3	4	6	1	11	6	1	18	0	36	8	11	5
9 Bailieborough.....	170	2	0	0	1	4	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	22	18	0	4
10 Donegal.....	556	4	0	0	2	9	6	1	18	6	2	0	0	60	16	5	16
11 Letterkenny, &c.....	160	3	0	0	1	10	0	2	2	0	2	5	0	41	17	2	19
12 Newtownlimavaddy...	280	2	1	0	1	15	6	1	18	0	1	15	6	35	1	0	12
13 Magherafelt.....	590	4	0	0	1	16	0	1	14	6	3	0	0	59	1	8	
14 Ballymena & Antrim	198	1	8	2	1	10	9	1	11	6	0	17	3	35	15	6	3
15 Hyde Park.....	284	3	0	0	1	16	0	1	11	6	2	2	0	58	13	0	8
16 Comber.....	199	1	17	6	1	12	3	1	11	6	1	4	0	32	7	6	
17 Barony of Lecale.....	155	2	3	3	2	8	0	1	11	6	1	10	0	43	10	2	2
Totals.....	26435	705	7	10	331	14	10	254	17	5	386	0	2	3818	5	5	522

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	140	1	6
To Grant from the British Contingent Fund	650	0	0
„ „ from the Auxiliary Fund ...	250	0	0
„ Amount of Yearly Collection, £705 7s. 10d. additional, £35 13s. 3d.	741	1	1
„ Donation from James Hill, Esq. per Rev. A. Hamilton, jun.	90	0	0
„ Do. from Henry Cornwall, Esq., per Rev. William Reilly	100	0	0
„ Do. from a Friend, per Rev. Robert Masaroon	30	0	0
„ Mrs. Sheil's Legacy	3	13	6
„ Missionary Balance	181	2	6
	£2185	18	7

Per Contra.	Cr. £	s.	d.
By Allowance to Districts	1760	0	0
„ Grant to Limerick	55	2	4
„ Miscellanies	78	16	6
„ Amount to Children, not paid last year	28	0	0
„ Balance	263	19	9
	£2185	18	7

Dublin, 9th July, 1836.

The sums annexed have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Preachers' Fund—

Subscription from James Hill, Esq. per Rev. A. Hamilton, jun. ...	10	0	0
Legacy from Mrs. Deaves	11	8	0

The Annual Address of the Irish Conference to the British Conference.

Very dear Fathers and Brethren,

In presenting this our annual address, and contemplating the close and interesting relation subsisting between us, our minds are forcibly impressed by the language of the holy apostle, "There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." These inspired sentiments strikingly illustrate that unity of principle, of object, and of affection, which has existed between us from the beginning, and by which we have long been distinguished as one body in Christ Jesus. We therefore value and embrace the opportunity afforded by our annual assembly, of renewing those expressions of christian and fraternal regard, which flow not from mere form or courtesy, but from our being animated by the same spirit, engaged in the same work, upheld by the same almighty arm, and partakers of a like hope of endless blessedness.

A retrospect of the past, notwithstanding the discouragements which we have had to sustain, excites our gratitude to the great Head of the church, who in his adorable providence has, during the year, preserved all our brethren who were employed in the active work, and who, by the aid of his gracious Spirit, has made their efforts effectual in the conversion of many souls. In some parts of the country, where apathy prevailed to an alarming extent, the Spirit has been poured from on high; many having been roused from their supineness to inquire, "What must we do to be saved?" and the soil which had been barren, or productive only of the fruit of the flesh, now brings forth "the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

Although our ranks have been thinned by emigration and other causes, we have had an accession to our

Societies, through the last year, of four hundred and twenty-three members. Our Connexion is acquiring a greater consistency and stability; peace and harmony prevail among us; and we, as a people, hope by the blessing of God to become still more successful in diffusing the truth as it is in Jesus.

As a body of christian ministers we were never more cordially united in affection, or more firmly determined to hold fast those sound and scriptural doctrines which we have personally felt to be "the power of God unto salvation;" nor are we less attached to that wholesome discipline established among us, by the maintenance of which we have been preserved a united and increasing community. We have long been instructed in the essential importance of the agency of the Holy Spirit, that our ministrations may be living and powerful, effectual in the conversion of sinners, and in the edification of believers in all holiness of temper and conduct; and we are afresh resolved to give ourselves to united and earnest prayer, that, by his sacred energy accompanying the word preached, the several forms of superstition, error, indifference, and crime, with which we are surrounded, may be destroyed, and that the religion of "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost," may extend its benign influence through our native land.

Our faithful missionaries, amidst privations and opposition, have been labouring to extend the truth through the darkest parts of this country, by preaching the gospel, and conversing with the people both in the English and Irish languages; and so numerous are the openings that present themselves in this department, that urgent requests are made for additional missionaries.

The Mission-schools are in a state of growing efficiency, although under the serious disadvantage of being deprived, through the last year, of the personal visitation of your able and experienced agent, the Rev. Elijah Hoole. May we here most respectfully request, that, if at all consistent with your arrangements, our schools may in the next year be favoured with his invaluable superintendence and inspection? We are the more anxious on this subject, as it is our decided conviction, that a truly scriptural education will be one of the chief means of raising our country

from its moral degradation to a state of mental cultivation, industrious and peaceful habits, and true national greatness.

We are aware of the importance of using every means to convey the knowledge of the truth through the humbler and more neglected part of our population; and in order to accomplish this end, among other means adopted, it is desirable that properly selected persons should be employed to visit those to whom access may be obtained, for the purpose of reading the sacred Scriptures, and instructing them in the plain truths of christianity. In this work our Scripture Readers are usefully engaged; they have found their way to persons who, on account of local circumstances, are deprived of the ordinary means of religious instruction; and, by the blessing of God on their efforts, many have been already awakened, and brought to an acquaintance with the truth.

Your appointment as a Missionary Deputation, of the Rev. Messrs. Atherton, Crowther, Murray, and Duncan, to visit this kingdom last spring, was to us highly satisfactory. Their able ministry of the word of life, and their interesting details respecting missionary operations, were truly valuable, and serviceable to that great cause in which we feel a deep and increasing interest. Were it possible to lengthen the time of the deputation in this country, we have no doubt a more extensive interest would be felt in favour of Missions. To the increase of information on this subject, we attribute the increased contributions to the Hibernian Wesleyan Missionary Society, which, by reference to the Report, will appear to have been considerable for some years past.

The great success which has attended the Foreign Missions of our body, and the remarkable openings and facilities which have lately presented themselves, particularly in the West Indies, in the islands of the South Seas, and in Southern and Western Africa, distinctly mark the hand of God, and specially invite the friends of the conversion of the world to unite in thanksgiving, to offer up earnest prayer, and to use every other exertion, that more labourers may be sent into those fields which are "white unto the harvest."

We have long been convinced that some systematic and

efficient method for the preparation of young men (duly called by God) for the sacred office should be adopted by us; and every succeeding year's observation of the advance of society in intellectual improvement, tends to deepen the conviction of its necessity. We therefore hailed the establishment of the Wesleyan Theological Institution, under the management of the able and excellent brethren placed over it, as an incalculable advantage to our united Connexion. The arrangement by which, under certain circumstances, brethren about to go to some foreign stations are to be received into this Institution, for the purpose of obtaining with greater facility qualifications essential to the proper exercise of their ministry, met with our full approbation, as at once judicious, economical, and admirably suited to answer the end contemplated.

Entertaining as we do these views, we are unable to give utterance to the painful feelings excited in our minds by the factious proceedings of persons, on your side of the water, who have made the establishment of this Institution the occasion of open hostility to the long-tried discipline and ancient usages of our Connexion. We have sympathized with you, our Fathers and Brethren, as members of the same body; for if "one member suffer, all the members suffer with it:" and we now rejoice with you, that the attempts to dry up the sources of public liberality in behalf of your various institutions, whereby alone, under the divine blessing, your noble and philanthropic enterprises can be carried forward, have signally failed. Our deliberate conviction is, that a strict adherence to that excellent form of discipline which we have received from our venerated Founder, and our fathers in the gospel, will be fully adequate to restore peace, and to preserve the integrity of the body. Recent circumstances, arising out of the hostility to which we allude, serve more fully to confirm us in this opinion, and to impress us with the consolatory conviction that "the Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

The appointment of your highly-esteemed President, the Rev. Joseph Taylor, together with that of the Rev. Robert Newton, and the Rev. Dr. Bunting, to be with us at our present Conference, we felt as laying us under peculiar obligation. The ardent piety, judicious coun-

sels, and powerful ministry of our revered President, have deeply, and we trust permanently, impressed our hearts.

The intelligence of the illness of our long-tried friend and brother, the Rev. Robert Newton, produced an exceedingly painful feeling, and called forth our fervent and continued prayers in his behalf, that the affliction with which he is visited may be but temporary in its continuance, and that he may soon be restored, to occupy that important station in the church of Christ for which he is so eminently qualified.

We greatly regret that circumstances have prevented our much-valued friend, Dr. Bunting, from visiting us, as was appointed. We feel this the more, as we are thus precluded from expressing to him in person the high sense we entertain of his undeviating consistency, and well-directed, judicious, and successful efforts to promote the best interests of our Zion.

The presence of our excellent brother, the Rev. Robert Alder, has been of very great value to us and to our congregations. His communications in Conference, and his able ministry, have been peculiarly acceptable and useful, and will not soon be forgotten by us or by our people.

We send, as our Representatives to your Conference, our confidential and beloved Brethren, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart, Henry Deery, and Thomas Waugh.

In conclusion, very dear Fathers and Brethren, as your "companions in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ," we claim an interest in your prayers, that surrounded as we are by perils and difficulties, we may put on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand in the evil day; and that through the ministry of the word, accompanied by the demonstration of the Holy Spirit, "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report," may abound to us through the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed, by order and on behalf of the Conference,

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

Belfast, July 10th, 1835.

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address of the Irish Conference.

Very dear Brethren,

The interchanges of affection and confidence which annually pass between yourselves and us are on all occasions highly acceptable to us, as expressions of that oneness of spirit which we have hitherto, without any interruption, reciprocally cherished; but, on the present occasion, the declarations of fraternal sympathy contained in your address to us, are peculiarly grateful and refreshing, and inspire us with renewed sentiments of gratitude to Him who has made us to be "of one heart" and "of one mind."

We greatly rejoice on your behalf, that "the Lord of the harvest" continues not only to vouchsafe to you an open and extensive field of exertion, but also to give you, in some degree, "the joy of harvest," in connexion with its labour, in a country where, amidst a universal profession of christianity, the truth of the gospel is encumbered by superstition and prejudice. With so many disadvantages, the importance of exertions such as those which you are enabled to put forth, for the spiritual illumination and instruction of the people, is deeply felt by us; and the prospect of your enlarged success we hail as being amongst the few indications, now apparent in your distracted country, of the approach of brighter and better days. We learn with peculiar satisfaction that you are turning an increased attention to the spiritual necessities of the more destitute and hitherto neglected parts of the country, and that by promoting the establishment of schools, and the multiplication of scripture readers, you are spreading the savour of the knowledge of Christ, by means which, though comparatively silent and unseen, must ere long, by the blessing of God, exhibit their effects in the moral and religious improvement of the districts to which those special efforts are directed. In this department of your labour, you prove yourself to be honourably mindful of the rule of our venerated Founder, going not merely to those who need you, but especially to those who need you

most; and He whose character it is to seek the wandering, and to save the lost, will, as we confidently hope, succeed this labour of your love with his special blessing. It is a subject of regret to us that during the past year you should have suffered any inconvenience in the school department, from the lack of that general superintendence which has been usually exercised by a person deputed from this country to reside among you for that purpose. The attention of the General Missionary Committee will doubtless be directed, as soon as possible, to the adoption of such arrangements as may obviate that inconvenience in future, and place the schools, under an effective and adequate superintendence.

It has also been gratifying to us, to be informed of the increased success of the Hibernian Wesleyan Missionary Society, in raising those pecuniary supplies by which our Foreign Missions in general, as well as those in Ireland, are supported. In this circumstance we have another cheering proof, that the labour and expense bestowed on Ireland in the department of Missions have not been spent upon a barren or ungrateful soil; and from your own authorized communications on this subject, as well as from the testimony of those brethren who have recently visited your country, we indulge a confident hope, that by carrying out more extensively the plan, already adopted in your principal places, for diffusing zeal and knowledge on the great subject of Missionary enterprise, you will abound in this grace yet more and more, in such a degree as may encourage and justify a compliance on our part with any requests which may hereafter be made for an increase of the number of labourers among you.

Amidst the rebuke and blasphemy which have assailed us from certain quarters during the past year, we have rejoiced to know that yourselves and your societies have heard the strife only at a distance, and that you have enjoyed in a good degree that rest which is so favourable to the edification of the churches. Having yourselves experienced a day of trial, somewhat similar to ours, and even more distressing in its effects on your societies, you were not unprepared to enter into the circumstances of our case, and to indulge that sympathy, which, as being *joined to us in* one body and one spirit, and one hope of

our calling, it might be expected you would exercise. We accept your kind expressions of regard and confidence, and your declaration of your confirmed and increasing attachment to the constitution and discipline of our Connexion, with no small joy on your account, that, in this respect as well as others, you stand fast in the Lord, and with unfeigned gratitude to Him who hath kept both you and us. In regard to ourselves, we beg to assure you that the attempts which have been made to excite disaffection and disturbance in our societies at large have generally failed; and that, whilst recent experience has taught us to prize more highly than ever that form of doctrine and discipline which, as a part of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion, we hold in trust, we have also seen reason to indulge a stronger confidence in the people of our charge; since, with comparatively few exceptions, they have resisted those measures of agitation and division which have recently been practised, and are resolved, in spite of all temptations to revolutionary change, to "walk by the same rule, and to mind the same thing."

Our assembling together at this Conference has been marked with such tokens of the Divine presence and favour, as renew within us the confidence that He whose we are and whom we serve does not hold us to be guilty of the iniquities which certain persons have so hastily laid to our charge, and that He will still be "the glory in the midst of us." In all the deliberations of this Conference, and especially in those in which division would have been most mischievous, there has appeared a unanimity beyond all precedent in our past experience; and the attempts which have been made to disunite us, and to form a party for mere party purposes, have been divinely overruled, so as to become a most effectual means for the consolidation of our union. As it regards what we have ever held to be essential to the integrity of the pastoral office, and of Wesleyan discipline, we are resolved, as the heart of one man, that in conformity with the tenor of our original engagement, we will hold fast that which is committed to us, and be faithful to Him who hath called us. With the consciousness that in this matter we are not actuated by selfish or party purposes, and with the assurance that we still live in the affection and confidence of

the great body of our people, we shall return to our respective departments of labour, determined to devote ourselves afresh to Him from whom "we have received this ministry." With this view, we purpose to give ourselves more fully "to the word of God and to prayer;" to "rebuke, exhort, intreat, with all long-suffering and doctrine;" and more diligently to connect the teaching of sound doctrine, with the mild, yet firm and faithful, administration of a holy discipline. Nor are we without hope that, on a candid and sober estimate of those explanations of our existing rules, and those additional guards on the operation of our economy and discipline, which the present Conference has furnished, many of those persons who have been alienated from us will again hail us as their pastors; and, being recovered to our fold, become once more "our glory and our joy."

We learn, with much satisfaction, your approval of the principle and plan of the Wesleyan Theological Institution, and are happy to inform you that it is supported in this country with a readiness and zeal which plainly prove a general persuasion that such an Institution was required. The report already given of those who during the last few months have been occupied as students is highly satisfactory, and affords an encouraging pledge of the success with which this important addition to our means of usefulness may be expected to be crowned.

In the department of the Foreign Missions, we continue to be favoured with manifest and cheering tokens that "God is with us." In the course of the last year, there has been an extraordinary addition to the number in Society, upon the various stations; and there are calls to more extensive enterprise in this great work, so loud and urgent, and connected with so many indications of Divine Providence, that they can no longer be neglected. To meet the additional expenditure which will be necessarily occasioned by a compliance with these calls, we confidently trust the spirit of an adequate zeal and liberality will animate our Societies at home, "so that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified."

In looking forward to the labours of the coming year, our hearts are deeply impressed with the necessity of

seeking for ourselves, and the people amongst whom we are to labour, a richer communication of those gifts and influences of the Holy Spirit, which are so necessary to our mutual comfort and edification in righteousness; and together with the sure word of the divine promise, we have our own experience both in former years, and at the present time, to encourage the belief that, "by the good hand of God upon us for good," we shall not expect in vain the prosperity which we desire. Our earnest prayer, both for you and for ourselves, is, that we may "abound yet more and more in knowledge, and in all judgment; that we may approve things that are excellent; that we may be sincere, and without offence, until the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God;" and that, "holding forth the word of life," we may fulfil the ministry which we have received, to "testify the Gospel of the grace of God."

We have appointed our highly-esteemed President, the Rev. Richard Reece to preside at your next Conference; and have requested our beloved Secretary, with one of the General Secretaries of our Foreign Missions, to accompany him on that occasion. We have appointed as a deputation, to assist at your Missionary anniversaries, the Rev. Messrs. Atherton and Haswell, for the North, and the Rev. Messrs. Lessey and William Shaw, for the South of Ireland. And we have also re-appointed the Rev. Elijah Hoole as our agent for Irish Missions and Schools.

Your esteemed Representatives, the Rev. Messrs. Stewart, Deery, and Waugh, we have rejoiced to see, and acknowledge as our brethren beloved, and our fellow-labourers in the gospel of Christ. They will convey to you such farther information of our proceedings, and such assurances of our fraternal disposition towards you, as may tend, we trust, to strengthen that bond of union which subsists between us, and to make us more abundantly the helpers of each other's faith and joy.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HANNAH, } *Sub-Secretaries.*

Sheffield, August, 18th, 1835.

Address of the Conference to the Members of the Methodist Societies in Ireland.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,

Met together in your Annual Conference at the end of another Methodistic year, we entertain grateful remembrance of the past, and we cherish encouraging hopes of the future; and inasmuch as you are in our hearts to live and die with you, you are bound up with all these associations.

On the morning of Friday, the 1st instant, we commenced the business of our Conference with earnest prayer; and seldom have we experienced richer effusions of the Holy Spirit, than have been felt in all our sittings.

In reviewing the past, in connexion with much that is cheering, there are also called up mournful recollections. Two of our beloved brethren, in the course of the past year, have been called to their reward. "Our fathers, where are they? and the prophets do they live for ever?" We miss them from our ranks, we lament their loss; but we inscribe on their tomb, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

The Lord has called home his labourers, but others are raised up, and his work goes forward. They sowed the grain of mustard seed, we rejoice that it is now becoming the great tree; they cast the leaven into the meal, we mark its progressive influence, and hope it will soon leaven the whole lump; they, in answer to many prayers, saw the cloud arise "like a man's hand;" we have seen it expanding, have felt its fertilizing influence in showers of blessing, and we wait till, watered from above, the moral wilderness of our world shall become as the garden of the Lord.

The progress of the work of God in many partsof our widely extended field, affords matter of unfeigned thanks-

giving. In the spread of the Mission work abroad, we behold the fulfilment of prophecy; the increase of christian holiness; and the revelation of the glory of the Lord: the mountain of the Lord's house is establishing on the tops of the mountains, the nations are flowing unto it, and God is glorified in the conversion and salvation of tens of thousands. At home, we mark "your work of faith and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ;" we have seen "the grace of God which is in you, and are glad, and exhort you all, that with purpose of heart you would cleave unto the Lord;" for you are "our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:" "as ye have, therefore, received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him; rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

Year after year, we feel it our duty to impress upon your minds the great importance of personal piety. Live in the constant enjoyment of the Divine favour, walk in the light of the Divine countenance, grow up into Christ your living head in all things. In order to this, be much in your closet, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance; "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the word of God, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Let the too frequently neglected duty of self-examination be carefully attended to. "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves." Do you enjoy the forgiveness of sins? Does the Spirit itself witness with your spirit, that ye are the children of God? Is the love of God shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost given unto you? Are you NOW the sons of God? Examine your spirit, temper, conversation, conduct. Are you humble, patient, "gentle, easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits?" Is "that mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus?" Do you carefully guard against evil-speaking? Does "no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying?" Are you "giving all diligence to make your calling and election sure, growing in grace, and in

the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. O Brethren! "look to yourselves, that we lose not the things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

We affectionately beseech you to see that family religion be steadily maintained: "walk before your house with a perfect heart:" let your children be trained up in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.

We urge upon you an increased attention to the services of our holy religion; class-meetings, band-meetings, prayer-meetings, the preaching of the word, and the administration of the supper of the Lord; that you "forsake not the assembling of yourselves together," that you "despise not prophesying," that you speak often one to another," and that ye continue to "eat of this bread and drink of this cup" till Christ come.

Again, we direct your attention to the careful observance of all the rules of our Society, and especially to that rule which prohibits the use of ardent spirits.

We feel happy to inform you that, notwithstanding a mistaken return at the preceding Conference of one hundred and sixty-three members more than should have been returned, and the emigration from our shores of five hundred and twenty-two, we are enabled to return a nett increase of three hundred and ninety-eight, which if added to the above mistake and emigration, would show an accession to our connexion in Ireland, during the past year, of one thousand and eighty-three. Our financial concerns are also, when compared with former years, in a state of encouraging prosperity. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."

We thank God that several circuits have been graciously visited from on high in the past year, and we look forward in confident expectation of greater prosperity.

Two of our brethren, this year, retire from the regular work, and become supernumeraries; and one of these is our esteemed and venerable brother Wood, forty-eight years an itinerant Preacher, and a member of this Conference. Seven young men, strongly recommended by their

respective District Meetings, are appointed to Circuits; and five others, who have honourably finished their probation, are received into full connexion with our body. The continued unity of the Methodist body, furnishes matter of continued gratitude. At this Conference we were favoured with the visits of Wesleyan ministers from Upper Canada, the States of America, and the Continent of Africa: Wesleyan Methodism is the same throughout the world.

To our highly esteemed President, the Rev. Richard Reece, and his companions, the Rev. Robert Newton, and the Rev. John Beecham, we feel ourselves under increased obligations; the wisdom and importance of their counsels and the interest they have taken in all our affairs, have greatly endeared them to us, and their public ministrations to overflowing congregations have been crowned with the divine blessing.

And now, brethren, "we commend you to Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy;" praying that "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding," may "keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Signed by order of the Conference,

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

Dublin, July 9, 1836.

CORK, Friday, June 30th, 1837.

Q. 1. What Preachers are this year admitted into FULL CONNEXION with the Conference?

A. James Murdoch, Thomas Beamish, John Foster.

Q. 2. What Preachers REMAIN ON TRIAL?

A. Henry Johnston Giles, Edward Martin Banks, William Parker Appelbe, John Boyle Bennett, William Arthur Darby, John Liddy, Armstrong Halliday.

These have travelled three years.

George Vance, George Grant, Hugh Moore, Thomas Hickey, John Hughes, Robert Hamilton 1st, John Farrell, Robinson Scott.

These have travelled two years.

Robert Black, William M'Garvey, Robert Hamilton 2nd, James Kennedy, Robert Wallace, Simpson Morrison.

These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. What Preachers are now RECEIVED ON TRIAL?

A. James Donald, Henry Johnston, Robert Baskin, David Robinson, John Newsom Morris, Robert Jacob Meyer.

Q. 4. What Preachers have DIED since last Conference?

A. 1. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, SEN., who was a native of Glaslough, County Monaghan. In early life he became a partaker of the power of religion, and was called into our ministry in the year 1791. He travelled eight years, when, having received a hurt from his horse, he was obliged to retire from the work. He was a man of sincere piety, manifested great patience through a long and painful affliction, and died in peace on the 20th of February, in the seventy-third year of his age.

2. CASTOR CLEMENTS, who was called into our ministry in the year 1804, and continued to travel with acceptance and usefulness for twenty-six years. His health declining, he was constrained to become a supernumerary in

the year 1830. From that time until January last, he resided in Lifford, on the Strabane Circuit. Having purposed to remove his family to the United States of America, he sailed from Liverpool, on the 11th of February. The vessel was wrecked on the Irish coast, and all on board met a watery grave. "Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching."

Q. 5. Are there any OBJECTIONS to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. How are our Preachers STATIONED for the ensuing year?

A. As follows, viz :—

I. THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1	*Dublin*,	William Stewart, James B. Gillman, John B. Bennett, William P. Appelbe; Charles Mayne, who resides at *Kingstown*, Michael Murphy, William Smith, William Ferguson, James Bell, Archibald Campbell, Supernumeraries.
2	*Drogheda*,	Henry Deery, James Tobias.
3	*Dundalk and Castleblayney*,	Robert Huston, Robert Baskin.
4	*Wicklow*,	John Hadden, William Burnside; Alexander Moore, George M'Elwain, Supernumeraries.

WILLIAM STEWART, *Chairman of the District.*

II. THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

5	*Waterford*,	Richard T. Tracy, John Harrington; Samuel Wood, Supernumerary.
6	*Carlow*,	Robert Bruce, John Hughes; Robert Banks, Supernumerary.
7	*Newtownbarry*,	Richard Phillips, David Robinson; John Clendinnen, Supernumerary.
8	*Wexford*,	Robert Beauchamp, James Hughes.

ROBERT BRUCE, *Chairman of the District.*

III. The Cork District.

9	*Cork and Cove,*	John F. Mathews, William Richey, Daniel M'Afee; Daniel Pedlow, Joshua Harman, Supernumeraries. N.B. Brother Richey is to reside at Cove.
10	*Bandon,*	Thomas Waugh, Samuel Kyle; Andrew Hamilton, jun., who resides at Clonakilty, Andrew Hamilton, sen., George Stephenson, Supernumeraries.
11	*Skibbereen,*	John Saul, John Liddy.
12	*Tralee,*	Thomas Meredith.

Thomas Waugh, *Chairman of the District.*

IV. The Limerick District.

13	*Limerick,*	John Howe, John Williams.
14	*Roscrea,*	John Rogers, Thomas Beamish; Francis Russell, Supernumerary.
15	*Cloughjordan,*	John S. Wilson, to change with the Roscrea Preachers one fortnight in each quarter; Patrick Ffrench, Supernumerary.

John Howe, *Chairman of the District.*

V. The Tullamore District.

16	*Tullamore,*	William Crook, William Cather.
17	*Athlone,*	Samuel Downing, Henry Johnston.
18	*Mountrath and Maryborough,*	James Johnston, John N. Morris; Thomas Kerr, Supernumerary.
19	*Longford,*	Nathaniel Hobart, William Mulloy; Archibald Murdoch, Thomas Loughead, Richard Price, Supernumeraries.

William Crook, *Chairman* of the District.

VI. The Sligo District.

20	*Sligo,*	Thomas W. Doolittle, Edward M. Banks.
21	*Castlebar,*	George Burrows, George Vance.
22	*Ballina,*	John Holmes, James Kennedy.
23	*Boyle,*	James Murdoch.

Thomas W. Doolittle, *Chairman of the District.*

VII. The Clones District.

24	*Clones,*	John Campbell, William M'Garvey; William Hamilton, Supernumerary.
25	*Killeshandra,*	William Finley, Robert Bamford.
26	*Monaghan,*	William Hoey.
27	*Aughnacloy,*	David Waugh, Simpson Morrison. N.B. Brothers Hoey and Morrison to change once a month under the direction of Brother Waugh.

David Waugh, *Chairman of the District.*

VIII. The Enniskillen District.

28	*Enniskillen,*	Edward Hazelton, Frederick P. Le Maitre, Thomas Hickey; Robert Crozier, Supernumerary.
29	*Brookborough,*	James C. Pratt, Henry Lucy.
30	*Manorhamilton,*	James Henry, Hugh Moore.
31	*Irvinestown,*	James Rutledge, John Jebb; William Douglas, Supernumerary.
32	*Ballyshannon & Pettigo,*	James Lynch, Robert J. Meyer; John C. Irvine, Supernumerary.

James Rutledge, *Chairman of the District.*

IX. The Londonderry District.

33	*Londonderry,*	Henry Price, Robinson Scott.
34	*Strabane,*	Michael Burrows, Robert Hamilton,

		1st.; Charles M'Cord, Supernumerary.
35	*Omagh,*	James M'Cutcheon, William Kidd; John M'Arthur, Robert Carson, Robert Wilson, Supernumeraries.

MICHAEL BURROWS, *Chairman of the District.*

X. THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

36	*Belfast,*	William Reilly, Fossey Tackaberry, George Grant; Matthew Tobias, Thomas Ridgeway, Thomas Brown, Supernumeraries.
37	*Donaghadee,*	John Nash, Robert Black; Matthew Lanktree, Supernumerary.
38	*Carrickfergus,*	John Greer, John Foster.
39	*Coleraine,*	James Patterson, Armstrong Halliday; John Dinnen, Supernumerary.
40	*Magherafelt,*	John Nesbitt; John Remmington, Supernumerary.
41	*Lisburn,*	Claudius Byrne, Henry J. Giles.
42	*Downpatrick,*	William Lupton.

WILLIAM REILLY, *Chairman of the District.*

XI. THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

43	*Newry,*	John Carey, Edward Harpur.
44	*Dungannon,*	John Waugh, Abraham Kerr.
45	*Armagh,*	Robert Jessop, Robert Hamilton, 2nd; Alexander Sturgeon, Supernumerary.
46	*Lurgan,*	John Nelson, William Armstrong.
47	*Moira and Dromore,*	William Foote, John Wiggins; James Carter, Supernumerary.
48	*Tanderagee,*	John Hill, Robert Wallace; John Wilson, Supernumerary.
49	*Portadown,*	Robert Masaroon, William A. Darby.

JOHN NELSON, *Chairman of the District.*

Missionary Stations,

with the Districts to which they are respectively attached.

1 *Lucan and Trim*, James Olliffe, Gideon Ouseley.
2 *Balieborough*, William G. Campbell,—Dublin District.
3 *Kilkenny and Tipperary*, James Sullivan,—Waterford District.
4 *Youghal*, Thomas Ballard.
5 *Fermoy & Mallow*, Arthur Noble.
6 *Killarney*, Samuel Cowdy, the Tralee Preacher to change with the Killarney Missionary one fortnight in each quarter.—Cork District.
7 *Killaloe & Ennis*, Henry Geddes.
8 *Tarbert & Kilrush*, Charles M'Cormick.—Limerick District.
9 *Galway*, Robert H. Lindsay, William Starkey.—Tullamore District.
10 *Barony of Erris*, John Farrell.—Sligo District.
11 *Cavan*, William Keys, Francis Stephens.—Clones District.
12 *Donegal*, Samuel M'Dowell, James Donald.—Enniskillen District.
13 *Rathmelton, Letterkenny, & Stranorlar*, William Cornwall.
14 *Newtownlimavaddy & Aughadoey*, Edward Cobain, John Feely.—Londonderry District.
15 *Portrush and Portstewart*, John Armstrong.
16 *Ballymena & Antrim*, Edward Johnston, Benjamin Bayly.
17 *Hyde Park*, Jeremiah Wilson.
18 *Comber*, William Guard.—Belfast District.

N.B. Brother Thomas T. N. Hull is left at the disposal of the Missionary Committee in London.

Q. 7. What is the number of members in our Society?

A. Twenty-six thousand and twenty-three.

The Emigrations from our Societies during the past year amounted to Six hundred and ninety-two.

Q. 8. What is the amount of the Yearly Collection?

A. Seven hundred and twenty-one pounds, one shilling, and nine pence, and thirty-three pounds, fifteen shillings, and five pence, being a total of seven hundred and fifty-four pounds, seventeen shillings, and two pence.

N.B. Any deficiency in the Yearly Collection from that of the preceding year shall be considered a deficiency of the Circuit where it may occur.

Q. 9. What has been contributed to the Preachers' Auxiliary Fund?

A. Two hundred and fifty-seven pounds, sixteen shillings, and five pence.

Q. 10. What is the amount of the collection towards the Education of the Preachers' children?

A. Three hundred and fifty-five pounds, five shillings and nine pence.

Q. 11. What is the amount of the Chapel Fund Collection?

A. Four hundred and ten pounds, sixteen shillings, and six pence.

N.B. The Conference requests special attention to the following recommendation of the Chapel Fund Committee.

"The design intended to be effected by the Chapel Fund, having in a great degree failed, because, though some Circuits have been very liberal in their contributions, several have done little in supporting it, whilst, by the rule they have been exempted from applications on behalf of building or relieving Chapels, it is recommended,—

"That in future no Circuit shall be so exempted, unless it raise annually one half of the sum required by the original rules of the Chapel Fund."

Q. 12. What is the amount of the Missionary Collection?

A. Four thousand and ninety-seven pounds, fourteen shillings, and eight pence.

Q. 11. How many wives and children are to be provided for this year?

A. Sixty-two wives, one hundred and forty children for *maintenance*, and seventy-four children for education.

Q. 14. How is this provision to be made?

A. By the Districts, aided by the Contingent Fund, in the following proportions, viz:

DISTRICTS.	Number in Society.	Amount for support of wives, maintenance and education of children.	Grant from Contingent Fund.
1 Dublin	2126	£197 2 0	133 10 0
2 Waterford	1230	114 0 7	115 10 0
3 Cork	1940	179 17 1	110 0 0
4 Limerick	804	74 10 9	75 10 0
5 Tullamore	932	86 8 1	145 0 0
6 Sligo	1130	104 15 8	88 0 0
7 Clones	1790	165 18 11	165 0 0
8 Enniskillen	4265	395 8 0	348 10 0
9 Londonderry	1464	135 14 6	155 0 0
10 Belfast	3281	304 3 6	220 0 0
11 Newry	4182	387 14 2	294 0 0
	23144	2145 12 10	1850 0 0

The above number is that contained in the Circuits, exclusive of the Mission stations. In consequence of arrangements during the Conference, the present number in Society on the Tullamore circuit is 190, on the Athlone circuit 186, on the Ballina circuit 338, on the Clones circuit 734, on the Monaghan circuit 207, on the Aughnacloy circuit 341, on the Strabane circuit 645, on the Carrickfergus circuit 337, on the Coleraine circuit 417. The number of members for the Belfast District, includes the Downpatrick circuit.

The sum of One thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds is the estimated amount of the Contingent Fund that will be disposable at the Conference of 1838; it has been divided among the respective Districts, according to their circumstances, and to aid them in meeting their demands, which arrangement shall be decisive for the year.

Q. 15. Who are the Building Committee, without whose previous consent, obtained in writing, no chapel, whether large or small, is to be erected, altered, purchased, or enlarged during the year?

A. William Stewart, William Ferguson, Thomas Waugh,

James Sullivan, with Messrs. A. Williams, D. F. Foulkes and Isaac Farrell.

All letters to be directed to Brother Ferguson, 34 Camden Street, and to be post paid.

N.B. While the Conference is desirous of encouraging every prudent effort to promote suitable chapel accomodation and dwellings for the families of the Preachers; nevertheless, in order to prevent a recurrence of the embarrassments arising from building speculations, every Superintendent is solemnly charged to see that the directions contained in the preceding minute, be strictly attended to; and if he suffer an expenditure on his circuit of more than £20, for any of the above purposes, without the explicit sanction of the Building Committee previously obtained in writing; for such neglect of official duty, he shall forfeit at least two years of the time he has travelled in the Connexion, and be deemed incompetent for the office of superintendent.

Q. 16. Who are the Committee appointed as trustees for testamentary or other deeds relating to donations given for the benefit of the Methodist Connexion?

A. William Ferguson, Andrew Hamilton, jun., Samuel Wood, Matthew Tobias, Charles Mayne, William Stewart, David Waugh, Thomas W. Doolittle, Thomas Waugh; the receipt of any one of whom shall be sufficient for any Bequest.

Q. 17. Who are the Missionary Committee appointed to review the concerns of our Missions previously to the ensuing Conference?

A. Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, John Howe, James Rutledge, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, John Nelson, William Reilly, Robert Masaroon, Richard T. Tracy, together with the following thirteen gentlemen,—William Dawson, *Cork;* Henry Cornwall, Henry Belcher, *Bandon;* John Busteed, *Tralee;* Thomas Tracy, *Limerick;* Joseph Higgins, *Clonmel;* Thomas Barber, *Newtownbarry;* Abraham Briscoe, Christopher Hamilton, *Dublin;* Thomas Shillington, *Portadown;* Frederick Stone, *Sligo;* Alexander Murphy, William Hamilton, *Belfast.*

N.B. The regulations recommended by the Parent

Society for the management of our Missionary concerns shall be acted upon by the Societies and Associations in Ireland, as far as it is practicable; and the monies raised shall be forwarded to the General Treasurer the first weeks in December, March, and June; also, the yearly accounts of the local Societies shall be made up and closed on the 31st of May, and a statement thereof immediately transmitted to the General Treasurer in Dublin.

Q. 18. What is to be done to regulate our Missionary Meetings through this kingdom in future?

A. A committee shall be appointed at each Conference to name the towns to be visited by the English Deputation in the ensuing spring; and at the Financial meetings of each District in August, the other towns shall be fixed, and persons named belonging to that District who are to attend those meetings.

The following places shall be visited by the English Deputations for the North and South, in the spring of 1838: the North, viz., Clones, Enniskillen, Sligo, Londonderry, Coleraine, Belfast, Lisburn, Donaghadee, Lurgan, Portadown, Aughnacloy, Dungannon, Armagh, Tanderagee, Newry, Dundalk, and Dublin. The South, viz., Cork, Bandon, Cashel, Clonmel, Waterford, Wexford, Newtownbarry, Carlow, Maryborough, Killarney, Tralee, Limerick, Borrisokane, Parsonstown, Roscrea, Tullamore, Dublin.

Q. 19. Who are the Chapel Fund Committee?

A. William Stewart, John Howe, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, William Reilly, William Armstrong, Robert Bruce, Richard T. Tracy, James Sullivan, John Nelson, Secretary to the Committee; together with eleven brethren, not travelling Preachers, who shall be elected, one in each District.

Q. 20. Who are the Treasurers and Secretaries of our several Funds?

A. Thomas Waugh, Treasurer, William Reilly, Secretary of the Contingent Fund; William Ferguson, Treasurer, Robert Masaroon, Secretary of the Auxiliary Fund and the Legalized, commonly called the Preachers' Fund.

Q. 21. What are the regulations of the Conference in reference to young men on trial, and those who may be candidates for admission into full connexion with our body?

A. The young men on trial shall each be required to preach a sermon every year, at their respective District meetings, during the period of their probation; and the strictest attention shall be paid to the following rules, viz:

1st. The Chairmen of our Districts are required, not only to examine very minutely in their District meetings, all proposed to travel as preachers among us; but also to report distinctly in their District minutes, for the consideration of the Conference, the opinion of the District meetings, after such examination, respecting their health, piety, and moral character, ministerial abilities, belief of our doctrines, attachment to our discipline, and freedom from debt, as well as from all secular encumbrances. In the same District Minutes, the preacher who recommends any candidate, shall state his age, and sign a recommendatory character of him, which may forthwith be copied, if the Conference receive such candidate upon trial, into the book provided for that purpose.

2nd. The Chairmen of Districts shall, at every District meeting, examine every preacher on trial, respecting the course of theological reading which he may have pursued in the course of the preceding year. For this purpose, every such preacher is required to deliver to the Chairman of his District a list of the books which he has read since the preceding District meeting. These lists shall be laid before the meeting, that the senior brethren may have an opportunity of giving the junior preachers such advices and directions respecting their studies, as may appear to be necessary.

3rd. Before any preacher, having travelled four years, is recommended by his District meeting for admission into full connexion, he shall undergo a careful examination by the Chairman of that meeting, respecting his acquaintance with Mr. Wesley's Works in general, and especially with his Sermons and his Notes on the New Testament, in addition to the other examinations required by our existing Rules; and no preacher shall be so recommended, unless the result of his examination be satisfactory to the meeting.

N.B. The strictest attention to the holy Scriptures is earnestly recommended to every candidate for the ministry amongst us, as no one can be received as a preacher into

our connexion who is not able to show a thorough acquaintance with the book of God. The attention of the Chairmen is directed to the printed document prepared for the regulation of our District Meetings.

Q. 22. Who are the Auxiliary Fund Committee?

A. Matthew Tobias, William Stewart, John Hadden, William Crook, Thomas Waugh, William Armstrong, Robert Bruce, the Secretary and Sub-Secretary of the Conference, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Auxiliary Fund.

N.B. No application for aid from this Fund can be admitted by the Committee, unless it be recommended by a District meeting, and be regularly entered in the District Minutes.

Q. 23. Who are the Committee appointed for the allocation of the Hon. Miss Sophia Ward's bequest relating to Chapel purposes?

A. The President, the Rev. Messrs. R. Newton, R. Alder, and W. O. Croggon, the Trustees for charitable bequests, the Secretary and Sub-Secretary, and the Treasurers and Secretaries of the Chapel, Auxiliary, and Legalized, commonly called the Preacher's Fund, and of the Contingent Fund.

Q. 24. How shall the Yearly Collection Fund be made more productive?

A. Inasmuch as it will be impossible to make the necessary grants from the Contingent Fund to the Circuits, unless the Yearly Collection be increased, let every Superintendent be instructed to attend to our established regulation, viz: to make personal application to every individual in all the classes on his Circuit, and that no part of the proceeds shall be appropriated in aid of any other collection.

N.B. Special attention is directed to the Address on this subject, printed by order of Conference.

Q. 25. What are the directions of the Conference respecting our Scripture Readers?

A. That they be directed to keep themselves to their proper work of reading the Scriptures, and affording familiar instruction in the cottages of the poor, confining themselves to such districts as may be marked out for them by their Superintendent; that they be required to

be engaged in this work more or less every day, seeking every opportunity of access to the uninstructed part of the population, not allowing any other method of usefulness to interfere with the performance of this their proper duty, as set forth in the twelfth regulation.

Q. 26. What can be done more effectually to promote the prosperity of the work of God in our Societies?

A. The Conference recommends to all the Preachers increased attention to mental improvement, to read such works as are best calculated to give information on those subjects which are connected with the important work of the christian ministry; especially to give unremitting attention to the study of the holy Scriptures, that, as men of God they may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works; and, in their ministry, to preach fully and faithfully all those leading and important doctrines which God has so graciously owned from the commencement of Methodism.

The Conference earnestly recommends that, as ministers, we should, in deep humility and unreserved devotion, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to God and his work; that we should attend more faithfully and laboriously than ever to the preaching of the word of life, directing penitents to a crucified Redeemer, and urging upon believers the attainment of a full salvation, visiting our people from house to house, preaching more frequently in the mornings and in the open air, securing sufficient time for meeting all the classes regularly at the quarterly visitations, and speaking to each member as the case may require, and diligently applying ourselves to the important work of meeting and catechizing the children of our people and congregations, and preaching occasional sermons for their improvement and spiritual instruction.

It is recommended, that the Preachers frequently address the Societies after preaching, meet and converse with the Leaders on the state of their respective classes, give all encouragement to prayer meetings, embrace opportunities of preaching in private houses, wherever a congregation can be collected, and appointing preaching on the week-day evenings, at such an hour that the people *shall not be kept* too late from their habitations.

GENERAL VIEW

f the number of Members and Ministers in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World, according to the Minutes of the British Conference for 1836.

umber of members now in Great Britain		293,132
itto in Ireland		26,434
itto in our Foreign Stations		61,803
nder the care of the British and Irish Conferences ...		381,369
nder the care of the American Conferences		652,528
nder the care of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Upper Canada		16,092
otal number of members in the Wesleyan Methodist Societies throughout the World, exclusive of regular travelling Preachers who are statedly employed in the work of the ministry		1,049,989

he number of regular travelling Preachers, and of Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, is as follows, viz.:

n Great Britain,		
Regular Preachers	868	
Supernumerary and Superannuated	130	
		998
n Ireland,		
Regular Preachers stationed in the Circuits ...	94	
Missionaries	24	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	49	
		158
n the Foreign Stations,		
Regular Preachers and Assistant Missionaries now actually on the list (besides the twenty-four Missionaries employed in Ireland, and a considerable number who are to be appointed to the vacant Foreign Stations as soon as possible) ...	281	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	4	
		285
n the American Connexion in 1835,		
Regular Preachers in Circuits, and Missionaries to the Indians	2608	
Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers ...	150	
		2,758
n the Upper Canada Connexion		74
Total throughout the World		4,273

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1837.

CIRCUITS	Number in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Missionary Fund.			Emigrations.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1 Dublin	1260	156	0	0	52	0	0	45	16	0	56	15	0	510	0	0	45
2 Drogheda	284	14	12	6	11	12	0	1	12	0	8	9	6	84	18	9	11
3 Dundalk and Castleblayney	357	8	6	0	4	3	9	2	12	0	4	7	0	78	2	3	16
4 Wicklow	225	8	5	0	5	6	5	1	14	0	5	4	6	34	3	5	6
5 Waterford	260	26	0	0	11	0	0	9	3	0	16	0	0	113	1	0	14
6 Carlow	320	16	0	0	8	2	4	5	0	0	9	0	0	85	0	4	2
7 Newtownbarry	380	9	2	0	5	1	0	3	16	6	6	7	6	60	0	0	13
8 Wexford and Enniscorthy	270	12	0	0	9	16	0	2	10	0	8	2	0	82	15	5	4
9 Cork and Cove	650	78	0	0	36	13	0	30	4	0	27	10	0	365	0	0	23
10 Bandon	665	37	18	0	15	19	0	16	1	0	25	10	0	94	3	1	27
11 Skibbereen	456	14	12	4	2	9	9	5	0	6	7	5	7	71	7	0	26
12 Tralee	169	11	12	6	3	8	0	1	14	0	5	2	4	32	0	9	6
13 Limerick	449	36	10	0	9	7	5	14	0	0	23	0	0	118	6	5	
14 Roscrea	193	10	0	0	8	0	0	5	6	0	8	7	0	77	8	6	
15 Cloughjordan	162	5	12	0	2	6	7	2	5	9	3	3	3	42	12	9	9
16 Tullamore	230	8	10	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	6	0	0	51	16	7	1
17 Mountrath and Maryborough	356	9	2	0	3	0	0	2	7	6	4	0	0	57	7	10	11
18 Longford	209	6	0	0	4	10	0	1	13	0	5	10	0	70	0	0	8
19 Sligo	420	12	0	0	4	10	0	5	0	0	10	0	0	58	0	0	4
20 Carlisbar	166	5	2	6	2	14	0	2	11	0							

CIRCUITS.	Number in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Missionary Fund.			Emigrations.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
24 Killeshandra	408	1	17	1	1	15	0	1	11	6	1	9	11	13	15	9	0
25 Monaghan	582	5	8	0	3	0	0	1	11	6	4	11	10	55	3	3	6
26 Enniskillen	1104	6	7	0	3	3	0	1	14	0	5	10	0	63	0	8	41
27 Brookborough	850	5	12	3	0	13	0	1	11	6	2	17	6	29	17	9	8
28 Manorhamilton	750	5	17	0	1	13	0	1	11	8	2	0	0	27	10	0	30
29 Irvinestown	934	5	10	0	2	6	6	1	11	6	1	10	7	30	19	8	22
30 Ballyshannon and Pettigo	627	3	18	2	2	8	8	1	11	6	1	6	0	24	13	0	33
31 Londonderry	275	10	2	11	8	10	0	2	11	6	10	0	0	90	0	0	15
32 Strabane	605	5	16	5	6	0	0	1	11	6	1	15	6	21	0	0	40
33 Omagh	544	6	0	0	1	17	0	1	11	6	1	13	10	36	18	6	20
34 Belfast	910	43	9	0	15	0	0	16	13	0	26	12	0	228	18	1	22
35 Donaghadee	452	9	0	6	4	0	9	2	12	0	5	0	0	60	10	4	25
36 Carrickfergus	347	5	16	0	3	15	0	2	2	0	6	10	0	35	1	6	1
37 Coleraine	475	5	10	4	6	10	8	2	0	0	5	8	0	46	10	6	11
38 Magherafelt	512	3	10	0	1	2	0	1	11	6	2	10	0	14	0	0	4
39 Lisburn	453	4	10	0	5	0	0	3	8	0	3	5	0	36	18	0	4
40 Newry	340	5	4	0	4	16	4	1	15	0	3	2	0	49	8	6	3
41 Dungannon	530	5	0	0	2	10	0	1	11	6	1	12	0	27	7	0	37
42 Armagh	768	8	15	0	8	10	0	3	0	0	6	10	0	64	0	4	0
43 Lurgan	609	7	11	0	4	4	6	3	0	0	4	10	1	31	4	3	3
44 Moira and Dromore	520	5	0	0	4	18	6	1	11	6	4	0	0	30	4	4	0
45 Tanderagee	652	7	10	2	6	4	8	1	12	0	6	0	4	51	7	11	6
46 Portadown	763	7	10	0	5	0	0	4	10	0	9	0	0	96	9	4	8

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, FOR 1837.

MISSION STATIONS.	Number in Society.	Yearly Collection Fund.			Education Collection Fund.			Auxiliary Fund.			Chapel Fund.			Missionary Fund.			Emigrations.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1 Lucan and Trim	107	2	4	6	5	19	0	1	11	6	1	14	6	40	0	0	8
2 Bailieborough	200	2	0	0	1	4	0	1	11	6	2	0	0	31	0	0	4
3 Kilkenny and Tipperary	54	1	2	6	0	14	0	1	12	0	1	2	6	9	5	7	0
4 Youghal	95	2	0	0	1	5	0	1	11	6	4	0	0	35	6	3	3
5 Fermoy and Mallow	110	3	3	6	1	16	6	1	11	6	3	10	8	39	0	3	15
6 Kenmare	79	3	0	0	1	13	0	1	11	6	2	1	0	26	6	0	2
7 Killaloe and Ennis	76	3	1	4	2	4	0	1	11	6	2	7	0	51	12	5	0
8 Tarbert and Kilrush	70	2	1	6	1	10	6	1	11	6	1	9	0	33	9	8	0
9 Galway	118	1	12	0	1	7	6	1	12	0	1	2	0	21	0	0	0
10 Athlone and Ballinasloe	216	2	7	6	2	3	0	2	10	0	5	8	0	65	14	10	18
11 Cavan	248	5	10	0	3	5	6	1	12	6	2	5	6	40	14	5	10
12 Donegal	450	4	0	0	2	9	6	1	11	6	1	10	0	45	19	9	30
13 Rathmelton, Letterkenny, &c.	149	3	2	0	1	11	6	2	2	0	2	6	0	43	5	3	13
14 Newtownlimavaddy, &c.	280	2	2	0	1	17	0	1	18	0	1	15	6	40	6	11	7
15 Portrush	36	0	14	0	0	10	0	1	11	6	0	10	0	10	0	0	0
16 Ballymena and Antrim	197	1	8	3	1	10	9	1	11	6	1	0	0	29	10	11	6
17 Hyde Park	308	2	5	0	1	7	8	1	11	6	2	11	4	54	17	3	3
18 Downpatrick and Comber	392	4	0	0	1	7	0	1	11	6	1	9	2	84	13	1	0
Total	26023	721	1	9	355	5	9	257	16	5	410	16	6	4097	14	8	692

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	263	19	9
To Grant from British Contingent Fund ...	650	0	0
To do. from the Auxiliary Fund ...	250	0	0
To amount of Yearly Collection, £721 1*s.* 9*d.* additional £33 15*s.* 5*d.*	754	17	2
To donation from James Hill, Esq., per Rev. Andrew Hamilton, jun.	90	0	0
To do. from Henry Cornwall, Esq., per Rev. William Reilly	100	0	0
To do. from a friend, per Rev. Robert Masaroon	40	0	0
To Mrs. Sheil's Legacy	3	13	6
To Missionary Balance	34	9	0
	£2186	19	5

Per Contra. Cr.	£	s	d.
By allowance to the Districts ...	1850	0	0
By Grant to Limerick	55	2	4
By additional to Magherafelt	20	0	0
By Miscellanies	74	19	8
By Balance	186	17	5
	£2186	19	5

The sums annexed have been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Preachers' Fund:—

Subscription from James Hill, Esq. per Rev. A. Hamilton, jun. ...	£10	0	0
Legacy from Mrs. Deaves	11	8	0

The Annual Address of the Conference to the Members of the Methodist Societies in Ireland.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,

On the morning of Friday, June 30, the business of our Annual Conference commenced in Cork, with earnest prayer to Almighty God. We were then, and through all the subsequent services and sittings of our Conference, favoured with such indications of the Divine presence and approval as warrant us to apply the language of our venerable Founder, "The best of all is, God is with us."

While the spiritual state of our Society furnishes cause of gratitude respecting our general work, we feel humbled before God, because it has not been more prosperous. In several circuits we have an increase of members, but, in consequence of numerous deaths in our Society, and the emigration to America and other countries of six hundred and ninety-two members in the course of the past year, a decrease of members appears on our Minutes; yet, from the general feeling that prevails among us and our earnest purpose of increased devotedness to God and his work, we hope, through your prayers and His blessing, to see and rejoice in more prosperous days.

Considering the depression which prevailed in the mercantile and trading departments during the past year, the state of our finances is not so discouraging as our fears had anticipated.

Two of our fathers in this ministry have, in the course of the past year, been called to their reward. Our "fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?"

Eleven young men of genuine christian experience and character, and high promise, have come forward, warmly recommended by their District Committees, six of whom are appointed to circuits and five placed on our Reserve list: this is cause of devout thanksgiving.

The accounts which have reached us of the prosperity of the work of God in England, on our Missionary stations, and in America, are very encouraging; thousands have been brought from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. May Almighty God pour out his Spirit upon Ireland also, and may the wilderness become as the garden of the Lord.

The sermons of the Rev. Edward Fraser, of Antigua, a man of colour and formerly a slave, and the addresses of Shahwundais, (or John Sunday) a converted Indian chief of the Chippeway tribe of Indians from Upper Canada, excited very considerable interest. While hearing them, and exclaiming, "What hath God wrought!" we were led more earnestly than ever to pray, that the heathen may speedily be taken for Christ's inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession.

The appointment of the Rev. Walter O. Croggon as the superintendent of the Irish Missions and Mission Schools has already operated favourably on that department of our work; his zeal, activity and punctuality, have contributed to the improvement of the Mission Schools, and, under his valuable superintendence, we believe they will continue to prosper.

To our greatly beloved President, the Rev. Dr. Bunting and his highly esteemed companions, the Rev. Robert Newton and the Rev. Robert Alder, we feel ourselves under additional obligations. The wisdom and importance of their counsels, and the interest they have taken in all our affairs, have increasingly endeared them to our hearts, and their public ministrations to overflowing congregations have been crowned with the Divine blessing. May they long be spared, a blessing to the church of God.

In again addressing you, beloved Brethren, we beseech you "that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Never forget that "in times past ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenant of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: but now in Christ Jesus, ye who

sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, for he is our peace."

Let the sacred obligations of the Lord's day and the services of the Lord's sanctuary, continue to claim your deepest attention. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," "not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words."

In continuing to regard the apostolic admonition, "forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is," we hope you will continue to cultivate increasing intercourse with God in a constant and devout attendance upon all the ordinances of religion; prayer-meetings, class-meetings, the preaching of the word of God, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord," and "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints, and for us also, that utterance may be given unto us that we may open our mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel."

And we affectionately entreat you, Brethren, carefully to examine your ownselves. What is now your state before God? do you now believe? is Christ now precious, now "in you the hope of glory?" is your life a life of faith in the Son of God? and are you now giving all diligence "to make your calling and election sure?" not only standing fast in "the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free," but enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ; following hard after God; seeking to be "found of him in peace, without spot and blameless." O Beloved, "we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord."

We beseech you, Brethren, let the children of your families be trained up for the service of Christ; trained up in the way they should go. Let the family altar be erected in every house, and the morning and evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving ascend therefrom to the throne of God.

The reading of the Holy Scriptures we cannot too earnestly or too strongly recommend. Read frequently, in order, and with much prayer, that word which is able

to make wise unto salvation; and may you so read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest God's holy word that having embraced, you may ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We hope the General Rules of our Society will be frequently read and faithfully observed by all our people; and while we would deplore the indulgence of anything like narrow or sectarian prejudices, we exhort every member of our Society to put forth all his energies to promote the best interests of our Connexion, so shall Wesleyan Methodism rise into greater prosperity than it has ever known in Ireland, and spread abroad the savour of godliness in every place.

We are aware that the present circumstances of the country expose many of our people to great political excitement, and we would feel that we did not suitably perform our duty as christian pastors, did we not affectionately and earnestly entreat you, while you firmly and mildly exercise your privilege as citizens to guard against the spirit of the world, remembering Him who has said, "Ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world."

And now, Brethren, we commend you to God and to the word of his grace; praying that the peace of God which passeth all understanding may keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus.

Signed by order of the Conference,

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

Cork, July 4, 1837.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CONFERENCE TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

VERY DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

Being assembled in our annual Conference, we hail with much pleasure the opportunity thus afforded of renewing the expression of our undiminished filial and fraternal love, and of recording our most grateful acknow-

arguments to our common Lord and Master for his extensive goodness, and for the blessings with which he has favoured our Societies during the course of another eventful year.

The generally unsettled state of our country, occasioned [illegible] *and religious agitation, opposes many hindrances to the progress of our sacred work. Notwithstanding this difficulty, having kept ourselves from intermeddling with such matters, the Lord has graciously enabled us steadily to pursue our peaceful way; and, on the review, we have the privilege of marking a gratifying improvement in the state of our Societies. In several of our circuits we have been favoured with a more than ordinary effusion of the Holy Spirit; in consequence of which, a blessed revival of religion, and an increase of genuine converts from "darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God," have followed. The spirit of emigration, however, still prevails; and, during the year, has deprived us of no fewer than five hundred and twenty-two of our members. In making up the numbers at the preceding Conference, there were added, through mistake one hundred and sixty-three more than should have been returned. Yet, after filling up the vacancies thus occasioned, and those resulting from other causes, we are enabled now to return a net increase of three hundred and ninety seven; showing, upon the whole, that we have had an accession of one thousand and eighty-two members to our connexion in Ireland in the course of the past year. Within that period considerable local exertions have been made towards the erection of chapels. In some places there has been a laudable endeavour to provide more suitable accommodation for the families of our Preachers; and we have an encouraging advance in all our Funds.*

With sentiments of no ordinary gratification, we have to record the discharge of the ponderous debt whereby we had been so long embarrassed and oppressed, a report of which, by order of the Conference, has been recently published with devout acknowledgments to Almighty God, and with our unanimous and grateful thanks to those kind and liberal friends both in England and Ireland, who have generously assisted in the accomplishment of this impor-

tant object. To you, beloved Fathers and Brethren, for your parental and brotherly sympathy and beneficence on this, as well as on every other trying occasion, we owe a debt of grateful attachment and affection, which we shall be ever ready to acknowledge, although never able to discharge. On comparing the past with our present circumstances and prospects, although still pressed with opposition and difficulty, "We thank God and take courage."

The painful ordeal through which we and our people passed in former days, when attempts were made to divide and dissolve our Connexion, and when from among ourselves men arose, "speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them," has taught us sensibly to feel and deeply to sympathize with you in your troubles. The efforts which have been and still are made to dismember and destroy the unity of your body, and that by men who might be reasonably expected to pursue a directly opposite course, have filled us with astonishment and grief. Nevertheless, we are persuaded that the things which have happened unto you shall issue far differently from the designs of the troublers of your Israel, and, as in the case of Paul, turn out "rather unto the furtherance of the gospel," through the prayers of your faithful people, "and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ."

Before you the great Head of the church hath opened a wide and an effectual door, which earth and hell may strive to shut, but shall strive in vain. The unexampled success with which the Lord has blessed the labours of your Missionaries in foreign and heathen lands, together with the prosperity attendant on your exertions at home, and the liberal supplies you have received for the support of the general work, as well as for the special objects and institutions which engage your attention, have excited our admiration and joy. It is also gratifying to remark, that by the good providence of God, his Majesty's government have placed at your disposal a Parliamentary Grant, which will assist in supplying the means of increased exertion in your endeavours to educate the children of the long neglected and oppressed, but now emancipated, negro population in the West Indies.

To the state of our Missions in this country we have

devoted particular attention. The brethren engaged in this arduous service have been at their posts of duty and their labour has not been in vain in the Lord. From the old mission ground we have a new circuit, opening thereby new fields of labour for both the Missionaries and the regular Preachers. This plan we hope to be enabled to follow up annually, until even the most benighted and morally destitute corners of our land shall be visited and blessed with the means of grace and salvation. Our highly interesting Mission Schools, which afford much promise of future good, we are anxious to bring under your special notice. Being fully persuaded of the great advantage they derived from the personal inspection and supervision of your valuable agent, the Rev. Elijah Hoole, and his worthy predecessors in that office, we cannot but regret the circumstances which unavoidably prevented his accustomed attention to that appointment; as we deem a vigilant superintendence indispensably necessary to the full efficiency of that important branch of our work.

We have been seriously admonished to "work while it is day" by the death of two of our supernumerary brethren, and the retirement through age and infirmity of three others; one of whom is our venerable brother Samuel Wood, who had long and faithfully discharged the duties of the ministry among us.

Five young Preachers who have creditably fulfilled their probationary years, have been received into full connexion; and seven others, well recommended by their respective District Committees, have been admitted on trial and appointed to circuits. These have proved a most seasonable and necessary supply. But we regret that one is not found on our list of Reserve, to enable us to avail ourselves of the desirable benefits of your Theological Institution. When we reflect on the demand for foreign Missionaries, and look forward to the contingencies of the coming year, we are humbled before the Lord, and pray Him, with whom is the residue of the Spirit, to call, and qualify, and send forth more labourers into his harvest, even a plentiful supply to minister before him in our native land, and to join the ranks of those devoted Missionaries,

whom you send forth to "preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

The beneficial results of the highly esteemed labours of your excellent deputation, the Rev. Messrs. Atherton and Haswell at our Missionary anniversaries in the North, and the Rev. Messrs. Lessey and W. Shaw in the South, will be found in the respectable increase to our Missionary income for the year; whilst their able ministrations of the words of eternal life have proved a general blessing to the congregations favoured with their labours; and our social intercourse with them has greatly tended to cherish those hallowed feelings which flow from our unity in one faith, one Spirit, and one hope of our calling.

Our venerable and much-loved President, the Rev. Richard Reece, came to us in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. His private conversation, his pulpit labours, his superintendence of the business of our Conference, his animating speech at our general Missionary anniversary, and the instructive and impressive manner in which he conducted the reception of our young men into full connexion, have greatly commanded our utmost respect and approbation, and greatly endeared him to the best feelings of our hearts.

The presence of his beloved companion, the Rev. Robert Newton, whose sudden and severe illness twelve months ago deprived us of the pleasure and advantage of his attendance at our Belfast Conference, awakened our deepest sympathies, and engaged our fervent prayers to Him in whose hands are the issues from death, was to us on this occasion a subject of proportionable gladness and thanksgiving, even as life from the dead.

The fidelity and efficiency with which our greatly esteemed brother, the Rev. John Beecham, has attended to all our concerns, especially to those in the Missionary department, both in public and private, are highly commendable, and have endeared him still more to our affections.

For a few days we were favoured with the presence of the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, Secretary of the Canadian Conference, whose ministry and communications, particularly respecting the Irish emigrants to the Canadian provinces, were to us truly interesting. The Rev. R. Tacka-

berry also, visited us from New York, and gave us much gratifying information concerning the extensive labours of our trans-atlantic brethren, and the astonishing increase and influence of Methodism in the United States. From all which we were led greatly to rejoice in our identity with the Wesleyan Methodists throughout the world, and in oneness of gospel faith and labours we trust to live and die.

Towards the close of our deliberations, some hours were purposely devoted to the consideration of the best and most scriptural means of preserving and promoting the work of God in our Societies. Throughout the discussion a deep sense of our dependance on God, and of our solemn obligations and awful responsibilities to him, seemed evidently to impress every mind. Many judicious and instructive remarks were made on the subject by the more aged and experienced brethren, the whole of which may be resolved into the apostle's admonitory and divinely inspired counsel to his son Timothy, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee;" and the never-to-be-forgotten charge of the venerable Founder of our Connexion to his sons and their successors in this ministry, "Remember you have nothing to do but to save souls."

We have chosen as our Representatives to your Conference, our beloved and confidential brethren, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart and Thomas Waugh, men who need not a commendatory epistle from us to you.

In conclusion, we feel persuaded that Methodism has been raised up, and through much opposition singularly preserved in Ireland, by the good providence of God, to accomplish some great purpose of his mercy in this our native land. And therefore, trusting in the Lord for his constant guidance and blessing, we hasten to our respective appointments, fully resolved in his strength, to live and labour for his glory, and for the best interests of our fellow-countrymen.

Signed in behalf and by order of the Conference,

THOMAS W. DOOLITTLE, *Secretary.*

Whitefriar-street, Dublin, July 9th, 1836.

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address of the Irish Conference.

Dear Brethren,

We have been glad to receive the truly encouraging statements which your Address for the present year conveys, and which have been further confirmed by the interesting personal communications of our esteemed brethren, your Representatives, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart and Thomas Waugh. We view those communications in this pleasing light, because they inform us of a numerical increase by no means inconsiderable under your peculiar circumstances, and also make known to us the more frequent occurrence of local exertions, very laudably directed to those objects, which at once exhibit the growing stability of your branch of our Connexion, and the solicitude felt by your people to promote the comfort of those who labour amongst them in the word and doctrine.

We reflect with no small satisfaction of mind upon the aid which we were enabled to afford you in your dark and cloudy day, aid which, while called for in a time of pressing need, was still more valuable in its collateral circumstances and remote consequences, as leading to the adoption of those administrative measures, which, by preventing the accumulation of financial embarrassments, leave you at liberty both to devise and to execute plans of spiritual usefulness. We are well repaid by the fruits of those measures of which your present Address gives us so cheering a detail; and we rejoice in the well-grounded hope which it affords, that our Israel amongst you will cast forth "his roots as Lebanon, that his branches shall spread, and his beauty be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon." We know indeed that your position as a portion of the church of God, viewed in every light, presents many points of difficulty and delicacy. Your country, as you truly observe, is still the theatre both of political and religious agitations, agitations which, in *tracing their* causes and devising means for their cure,

furnish matter of serious thought and somewhat anxious discussion, both in the Imperial Legislature, and in the best-informed circles of general society. Truly glad are we therefore to learn that you have kept yourselves from all undue intermeddling with such matters; and the counsel it is in our hearts to give you is this, that while you are firm and open in the assertion of all the great principles which distinguish us as Protestant christians, and Wesleyan Methodists, you should be careful that your unflinching assertion of these glorious truths is characterized by "meekness of wisdom," courtesy of deportment, and patient humble love. It is no business of ours, as "men of God," who have dedicated ourselves to the interests of a kingdom which "is not of this world," to be very eager or prominent in drawing out these great principles to what we may deem right political conclusions. Our chief concern as ministers of the gospel is, first, to turn men "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God," and then to build them up in faith and holiness; and it may well content us to know that we thus implant in their bosoms those seeds of the kingdom, which under the training of Christ's faithful servants in the church below, cannot fail to produce proper modes of action in the use of constitutional privileges, as well as all other "the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God." Pursuing such a course as this, dearly beloved Brethren, we believe that you will be signally owned and blessed by the great Head of the church; in the midst of dangers, snares and deaths, you will be mercifully preserved, and God, even our God, will abundantly bless you. Of this, indeed, we have the firmest assurance, that the Lord will bless his own truth at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances, provided it be promulgated in His own way, and by those who are armed with the same mind which was likewise in Him: to such his standing declaration is, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

You manifest a right apprehension of the state of our affairs, when you express your conviction that the things which have happened unto us are tending to widely different issues from those which were designed by the

leading agitators of our Connexion. There are various circumstances in our connexional annals for the last few years, which have shown us more clearly than ever, that the watchful eyes of the Keeper of Israel neither slumber nor sleep; and which furnish striking illustrations in our times of the accomplishment of the great promise given to the church of God, that no weapon formed against her shall prosper. How often, indeed, have we been called upon to observe, with admiring gratitude, that

> "Hell, weaving snares a thousand ways,
> Finds mercy central in the maze!

and that mercy is a wise and powerful Mercy, which ever keeps and guards its own. "As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the Lord of Hosts, in the city of our God; God will establish it for ever." Even now, when we compare the present with the very recent past, we are strongly reminded of the promise, which in the most agitating moments, ever sustained our humble confidence: "Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us."

Amongst the most remarkable of these unexpected issues of the proceedings of the troublers of our Israel, is the delightful unity of sentiment and feeling which characterizes the first Birmingham Conference, and which reigns amongst us, in what may be soberly stated an unprecedented manner. We are perfectly joined together in the same mind and judgment. Nor do we doubt that you will be glad to learn, that the present has appeared to us to be the proper time for completing a well-ordered system of ecclesiastical usages, by adopting the scriptural and primitive rite of imposition of hands in instituting the probationers for our ministry to the full character and duties of the sacred office; and it will interest you to learn that our first ordination in this manner was an occasion of very solemn and delightful feeling, and emi-

nently "a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

It gives us lively pleasure to maintain that constant intercourse with you which becomes so closely allied portions of the churches of Christ. We believe that the time will never arrive when we shall not "needful to each other prove;" but that we shall always, by every practicable kind of christian intercourse, and especially by the interchange of Representatives, "the messengers of the churches," be stirred up, as was St. Paul in his journey to Rome, "to thank God and take courage." It has been our object to give such a reception to your esteemed Representatives, the Rev. Messrs. William Stewart and Thomas Waugh, as is due to their long-tried worth. Nor can we doubt that you will have equal satisfaction in the presence of our highly-esteemed President, the Rev. Doctor Bunting, whom we have unanimously appointed to occupy your chair. In compliance with our earnest request, pressing in your behalf as we were, the Rev. Robert Newton has kindly consented to accompany the President; and we cannot doubt that, in answer to our united prayers, their intercourse with you will be a means by which the great Head of the Church will vouchsafe in a signal manner to "comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." And now, dearly beloved brethren, "we commend you to God, and the word of his grace." We never more deeply felt than at the present our need of divine direction, inspiring us with that spiritual wisdom and understanding, which our heavenly Master will own and bless as the means of avoiding every danger, and of approving ourselves in all things as the ministers of Christ. The tokens which we have received of the divine approbation during the past year are numerous and undeniable; they are indeed most cheering to our hearts: but yet we would "rejoice with trembling." We know where alone our strength lies; and that we have such tokens of continued acceptance and blessing from our exalted Lord, we gladly ascribe to his special mercy and grace. We pray that our beloved people on both sides of the Channel, and wherever "scattered o'er all the earth they lie," may be favoured with showers of blessings; and that thus they that be

"planted in the courts of the Lord, may flourish in the house of our God."

Signed, on behalf and by order of the Conference.

JOHN ANDERSON, }
JOHN HANNAH, } *Sub-Secretaries.*

Birmingham, August, 12th, 1836.

NOTE.

In addition to the brethren who have served in the Foreign Missions named on pp. 87, 103, 125, 172, 198, 206, 225, and 354 of Vol. I. and pp. 154, 196, 203 and 350 of this volume, we think it right to place on record the following names of brethren who engaged in the same service :—

1. WILLIAM M'CORNOCK, SENR., admitted on trial in 1778, he itinerated in Ireland for ten years, and was then appointed to the West Indies.—British Minutes, Vol. I., p. 216. He died in 1789, in Dominica, of bilious fever, caught in the exercise of his ministry.—Smith's Methodism in Ireland, p. 262.

2. WILLIAM HAMMET, admitted on trial in 1784 ; in 1786 he was appointed to Newfoundland ; 1787. '88 to St. Christophers ; 1789, appointments to the West Indies, not published ; 1790, Jamaica ; after which his course is not known to us.

3. DANIEL GRAHAM. Called to the ministry in 1778, he had his appointments in Ireland till 1792, when he was sent to Jamaica, and in 1793 to Barbadoes, where he died of yellow fever. "He was a man of great piety and of a deeply crucified spirit."—British Minutes, vol. I. p. 296.

4. THOMAS WORRELL, admitted on trial in 1789, he and James Lyons were appointed to the West Indies as "New Missionaries" in 1790. In 1791 he was appointed to Jamaica, and there "died the death of a saint" before the year had ended.—British Minutes, Vol. I. pp. 231, 258.

5. JAMES LYONS, admitted on trial in 1790, in 1791 he was appointed to St. Vincents, and in 1792 he desisted from travelling.

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